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Payments roll in for outside work

Heath heads MPs defying earnings rule

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, ANDREW PIERCE AND PHILIP WEBSTER

A DOZEN Conservatives and two Labour MPs last night laid themselves open to official complaints by refusing to reveal details of how much they earn from their activities outside Parliament.

The former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath and three former ministers — David Mellor, Norman Lamont and Kenneth Baker — were among those who angered colleagues by declining to conform with new rules requiring them to divulge outside earnings that result from their membership of Parliament.

The register of members' interests nevertheless discloses that Conservative MPs collect more than £2 million a year from consultancies and other work, while Labour MPs earn about £600,000 — most of it in contributions towards office expenses from trade unions and other organisations.

Twenty MPs revealed that they at least doubled their parliamentary salary of £34,000 by outside work.

Labour's former deputy leader Roy Hattersley declared the highest supplementary income — nearly £110,000 from his work as a freelance journalist — although some of the Conservatives who did not give details are thought to have earned more.

The top Conservative earner to declare was the former employment minister Patrick Nicholls, whose entry suggested earnings of up to £76,000. However, he said last night that the actual figure had been £54,000. The discrepancy was, he said, the result of the rule that says each sum should be declared in bands of £5,000.

The rules were introduced on the recommendation of Lord Nolan at the end of his inquiry into standards in public life after a series of "sleaze" allegations, culminating in the cash-for-questions scandal. Those who fail to disclose their outside earnings may be reported to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, Sir Gordon Downey. He said last night that he expected a significant increase in the number of complaints. It is understood that many MPs consulted him about what should go in in the register, but he says in its introduction that there had been inconsistencies in the way MPs had responded and that some had had difficulty interpreting the rules.



Baker: one of four former ministers not conforming

Labour is to press Sir Gordon to take action against those who failed to declare — including its own Tony Banks and John Gilbert — and some Conservative backbenchers last night voiced deep irritation with some of their colleagues. One said: "The fat cats who command the big fees have kept quiet. The rest of us have come clean and shown ourselves up." And another said: "The bigger they are, the more likely they are to get away with it."

Downing Street said last night that the Prime Minister wanted to see the highest standards in public life, but added that any concerns over the entries were a matter for Sir Gordon.

Sir Edward Heath, who declined to go along with earlier rules calling on MPs to give details of their Lloyd's membership, declared unspecified earnings from "writing books and press articles, lecturing, making television and radio broadcasts" on behalf of the Dumpton Gap Company — an unlimited private company of which he is chairman.

Last year, in the final pre-Nolan register, he listed six types of paid employment, including being an adviser to the China Ocean Shipping Company and development adviser to Kleinwort Benson China Management.

Mr Mellor's lengthy submission declares ten consultancies, including work for British Aerospace, shipbuilders Vosper Thornycroft and accountants Ernst & Young. But he states: "It is not now, and never has been a contractual duty, implied or otherwise, that my services are provided in my capacity as an MP. The existence of these contracts is not dependent in any way upon my being an MP, nor does the duration of these contracts bear any relationship to any parliamentary timetable."

He also stated that all his overseas visits during the period covered by the register were in relation to his business interests and did not arise from his membership of the Commons. The sole exception was a four-day trip to Bahrain in February last year as a guest of the Bahrain Government. He did, however, declare fees from journalism, television and radio appearances, and from lecturing and public speaking. These included a contract to appear on LWT's *Cross Talk* programme, for which he received less than £5,000 a year.

Mr Hattersley wished that other MPs had been as open as he had: "I took advice from Sir Gordon about what conformed to the spirit as well as the letter of the House of Commons's decision on members interests," he said. "He advised me I should declare my earnings on two of my contracts. That I did. I very much regret that other members did not follow the same course."

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SIMON WALKER



Antony Williams describes his picture of the Queen as "an honest portrait and a good likeness"

Artist defends his careworn Queen

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND DALYA ALBERGE

THE latest artist to paint the Queen insisted yesterday that he had produced an honest portrait — despite making her look as though she had reached her seventy years the hard way.

Antony Williams, 31, won his £15,000 commission from the Royal Society of Portrait Painters after being judged the best young portraitist of 1995. His work, which goes on view at the Mall Galleries in London today, is the result of six sittings, during which he felt obliged to complain to the Queen's private secretary that his subject would not sit still.

The 4ft by 3ft canvas shows the Queen's face and hands as wrinkled, puffy, rubbery and distinctly elderly, whereas recent photographs of her birthday celebrations suggested that she was wearing her years with grace and relaxation. The artist, however, is unrepentant.

"I believe this is an honest portrait and a good likeness. It was hard to come up with a fresh approach to such a familiar face, but I have not deviated from the known image. I was not trying to go out of my way to shock, but I was trying to find something deeper. I was not trying to make any political statement at all; this is a pure portrait," Mr Williams said.

Other artists last night supported him. Daphne Todd, president of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, described the picture as absolutely tremendous: "It is one of best portraits that have ever been painted of the Queen. She doesn't look at all dreadful.

"You've got to give the painting time because it is made up of hundreds and hundreds of minute observations. At first sight, you are aware of the wrinkles and the size of the hands, larger than lifesize. But when you stand in front of it, humanity and dignity comes over. There is spirit in this portrait, an indomitable spirit."

Ms Todd acknowledged that the painting "might well be controversial" in details such as a snagged fingernail and small scratches in the flesh, and she likened a small wound from the Queen's diamond bracelet to the mark of stockings in one of Rembrandt's nude women. "Every little indentation and scratch you get in life he has recorded. It is slightly terrifying."

The Royal Academician Leonard Rosoman said: "The

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Dorrell accused of betrayal over care for elderly

BY JILL SHERMAN AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

STEPHEN DORRELL last night outlined long-awaited plans to prevent pensioners having to sell their homes to pay for the costs of residential care. The Government was immediately accused by the opposition parties of "betraying the elderly".

The Health Secretary announced three different options to encourage people to take out insurance policies against the risk of needing expensive care in residential or nursing homes.

Insisting that the thrifty should be rewarded for saving up for their care, Mr Dorrell said the changes — which would come into effect in 1997 — would be included in the Queen's Speech this autumn.

People will be able to choose between insuring their assets, buying an annuity to provide an income until death, or having flexible pensions which pay more money in later years when they might need help.

The Government will reward those who buy such policies by increasing the amount of capital they can own without having to use it to pay for their care.

But the plans came under a barrage of attack from Opposition parties and charities who insisted that the insurance premiums would be prohibitively expensive for those most at risk of losing their homes.

Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, pointed out that a pensioner couple would have to pay a minimum of £10,000 in premiums to meet their care costs.

Accusing the Government of election bribery, Ms Harman said: "This is a

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Double life term

Steven Heaney, 36, a factory worker from Eastham, Wirral, who lured two young boys to their deaths during a summer afternoon's fishing trip, was given a double life sentence.....Page 3

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Yard issue photo of prime suspect in gun rape hunt

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND STEWART TENDLER

DETECTIVES hunting a rapist and armed robber yesterday named their top suspect.

Scotland Yard officers also issued a photograph of Rodney Michael Smith, 30, to protect the public. Police are worried that Mr Smith, from Grays, Essex, could have a death wish and may seek a confrontation.

After the suicide of a close friend in 1994, he allegedly said: "I'll be in heaven with him soon." The friend shot himself while under police siege.

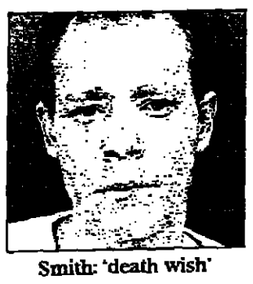
The man police are hunting appears to use the M25 to move from one attack to another and always produces a handgun. So far he has stolen cash and jewellery worth about £20,000. The attacks began on April 4 when a 32-year-old croupier was abducted in a Mayfair car park, forced to draw money from two cashpoints, before being raped and dumped with her Jaguar car. Other attacks were at:

- ☐ Hornchurch, Essex, where a car was stolen on April 6.
- ☐ A West End hotel on April 15. A Finnish woman was forced to strip and sexually assaulted. Her jewellery was stolen.
- ☐ Ilford, Essex on April 17 where a woman, 32, was attacked, her Toyota car and jewellery stolen.
- ☐ Henley, Oxfordshire on April 18 a woman was hit in the face and her jewellery stolen. She was dumped with her Mercedes in a lay-by.

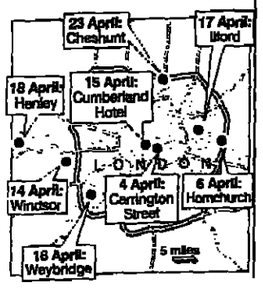
In the last attack, on April 23, a woman in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire was robbed at her home of jewellery. Police also believe two other attacks could be linked.

Mr Smith, 30, twice divorced, was last seen on May 1 driving a Toyota MR2 sports car, registation number J478 NUE, in Brighton.

As the manhunt got under way yesterday his family described his troubled background. They said he grew up bitter at his mother for walking out on him when he was six months old. But his stepmother Drusilla, 53, said she had no sympathy for him.



Smith: 'death wish'



Kremlin divided in spy row

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL BINYON

A WIDENING rift emerged within the Russian Government yesterday about how to proceed in the spying dispute with Britain. Hawkish security chiefs demanded mass expulsions from the British Embassy, but Russian diplomats sought a compromise with London.

In a day of contradictory signals from Moscow, the Federal Security Service said that a list of nine British diplomats involved in an espionage network had been drawn up and that they would be sent home.

Negotiations were still under way last night between London and Moscow to limit the damage arising from the murky row as Malcolm Rifkind assessed the latest report from the British Ambassador to Moscow. The Foreign Office stuck to a bland formula, insisting that all Russian allegations were unfounded and expressing the hope that the threat of expulsions would be withdrawn. Details of the talks between Sir Andrew Wood, the British Ambassador, and Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister, are unlikely to be made public.

The expulsion list was drawn up on evidence gathered by counter-intelligence agents during the interrogation last month of a Russian citizen who admitted being a British spy and named his contacts in the embassy.

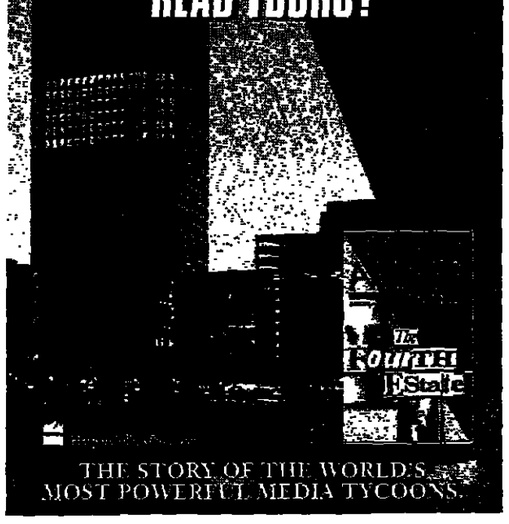


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Commons touch on voluntary redundancy

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

DUE to a slip of the tongue at Prime Minister's Questions, Paddy Ashdown attacked Serbia yesterday when he meant to attack Croatia. Nobody noticed.

Did the PM realise, he asked, that the biggest threat to peace in the Balkans now came from the ambitions of "a Greater Serbia" rather than those fighting for a greater Croatia ... Here the Liberal Democrat Leader stopped to correct himself. It was those fighting for a greater Croatia, *not* a Greater Serbia, who were the threat, he explained.

I looked down. Miss Boothroyd was staring into the middle distance, Mr Major fiddling with his notes and Tony Blair chatting with his mates. MPs were paying no attention at all. Greater Croatia, Greater Serbia ... would anybody have noticed if Ashdown had discerned the Balkan threat coming from Greater Manchester? It must tempt him to try speaking utter gobbledegook or lapsing into iambic pentameters, just to see whether MPs, the Press, or anyone else, wakes up.

Perhaps Spencer Batiste (C, Elmet) was right: MPs have sadly diluted their impact. Under the Ten Minute Rule at 5.00pm he introduced a Bill to reduce the membership of the Commons from its planned 659 (after the next election) to 500. If there were fewer MPs, explained an earnest Mr Batiste, the world might take more notice of them. Or "us". It was notable that throughout his speech the rump of 500 to which Batiste planned to reduce the Commons was referred to as "us".

His case was coolly and cogently made out. MPs had urged industry to improve its productivity, Batiste said. They had slimmed the Civil Service, the Health Service, and every other service. They urged organisations to be leaner and fitter.

Every organisation but their own. So far. But now was the time, Mr Batiste concluded, for the ultimate sacrifice; now the time had finally come for MPs to "lead by example ..."

"Now is the time ..." — we leapt a little ahead of Mr Batiste's logic, anticipating its conclusion — "for 150 colleagues and I to stand down from the parliamentary process and allow the constituency map to be redrawn with fewer and larger constituencies".

But no, 150 MPs would indeed have to go, but this was to make "us" more effective in the next Parliament. That modest "and I" was never volunteered. After Batiste sat down, John Butcher (C, Coventry SW) rose to do the decent thing. Butcher's proposal was for an altogether more dramatic cull, reducing the Commons to some 300 members — but not including Mr Butcher. He was to stand down at the next election he explained.

In your sketchwriter's view, John Butcher's quiet thoughtfulness and sorrowful sense of the impotence of the backbench MP — his personal willingness to stand aside — should disqualify him from the cull.

Such wisdom is rare. He must stay. It's the ones who want to stay who should go, or be "processed," as the new lingo has it.

The Junior Agriculture minister Tony Baldry, asked how many cattle were awaiting the abattoir, and the renderers, told MPs that some 120,000 cows were now in line "for processing".

What revisions to literature does this new style of minister-speak suggest! "Thou shalt not process"? As Othello says to Desdemona's corpse: "I kissed thee ere I processed thee." A lawyer himself, Mr Batiste will know Shakespeare's line: "Let's process all the lawyers."

And not just the lawyers. "I'm seeing the renderers tomorrow," Mr Baldry told MPs. Good.

Peers vote to close cash for questions libel law loophole

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE House of Lords passed an amendment last night that will give MPs and peers *extensive new rights to sue* newspapers over reports of their parliamentary activities.

Senior judges and peers from all sides voted by 157 to 57 to overturn part of the 300-year-old Bill of Rights which prevents MPs from taking action if they believe their reputations have been defamed in connection with their parliamentary work.

The new measures have been added to the Defamation Bill after a court ruling preventing Neil Hamilton, Tory MP for Tatton, and the lobbying company, Ian Greer Associates, from suing *The Guardian* newspaper.

Mr Hamilton's attempt to sue the newspaper over a "cash for questions" allegation was stayed by the courts after the newspaper successfully pleaded that the privileges conferred on MPs by Article Nine of the Bill of Rights, 1689,



Lord Lester: predicted conflict with the courts

meant that a court could not inquire, even at the request of an MP, into anything he had said or done in Parliament.

The newspaper argued that this rendered it impossible to mount a full defence of justification since it could not cross-examine Mr Hamilton.

If the amendment is passed in the Commons, it will allow members to waive their immunity and sue for libel, but absolute privilege will still protect MPs from being sued over what they have said about anyone or what they have done in Parliament.

The amendment will now go to the Commons where Tory MPs will be given a free vote on the issue.

Lord Simon of Glaisdale, a former Appeal Court judge, who voted against the amendment, said: "It is nearly impossible to exaggerate the consitutional importance of the changes to parliamentary privilege."

Lord Hoffmann, a Lord of the Appeal, tabled the amendment which was debated last night during the third reading of the Bill. After a heated debate, which was watched from the gallery by Mr Hamilton, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, made it clear that he also supported the change. The Lord Chancellor's office said that if the new measures were passed in the Commons, Mr Hamilton could restart his action.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, a Liberal Democrat peer opposed the amendment. "This amendment is fatally flawed and would infringe fundamental principles of our unwritten constitution," he said. "It would operate arbitarily and it would extend parliamentary privilege in a manner that would unecessarily interfere with free speech."

Lord Lester said the change would mean Parliament had to surrender its collective privilege to any individual member. It would also create new conflicts between Parliament and the courts if lawyers were allowed to suggest that a member was lying in the House. "It would be most unfortunate if this amendment were pursued for political purposes to support Mr Neil Hamilton's particular interests in his litigation," he said.

He added that Mr Hamilton should have appealed to the higher courts, where he would have had "reasonable prospects of success".

Mr Hamilton was forced to resign as Corporate Affairs Minister after *The Guardian* claimed that he accepted payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, for asking questions on behalf of Harrods. They also stated that he had failed to declare a six-day visit to the Ritz Hotel in Paris, owned by Mr Al Fayed.

Mr Hamilton wrote to peers before the vote setting out his position, stating that he had been denied basic justice. Many of his friends turned out to support his claim, including Baroness Thatcher and Lord Parkinson.

Last night Mr Hamilton was jubilant. "It was a wonderful debate and there were many heavyweights against me, but most peers realised that I was caught up in an anomaly. The Bill of Rights is there to protect citizens and give them a fair hearing, which I am being denied."

"I can't presume on the Commons passing this amendment ... but if this amendment is passed newspapers will have to be far more careful what they say."

NIGEL BOWLES



Neil Hamilton intends to pursue his action if MPs support the ammendment to the Defamation Bill

MPs won't agree that their number is up

A TORY backbencher's move to cut the number of MPs failed yesterday for the second consecutive year. Spencer Batiste believes the Commons should manage on 500 members. There are currently 651, to be increased to 659 because of boundary changes at the next election.

Mr Batiste, MP for Elmet, said: "We all know there are far more MPs than are necessary or desirable." Reducing the number of MPs would remove the need for new parliamentary buildings and save the taxpayer the cost of 159 MPs, their staffs and their support structure, he added.

His Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill failed to win a formal first reading. It was opposed by John Butcher, Conservative MP for Coventry SW, "on the grounds that it doesn't go far enough". He wanted a Commons of 300 MPs.

Jobs before monetary union, says Brown

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN said yesterday that a Europe-wide assault on unemployment was a key pre-requisite for a successful single currency.

The Shadow Chancellor used a speech to the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Bonn to dispel suggestions that a Labour government would inevitably sign up to monetary union, while underlining his party's strong pro-European credentials and reaffirming its commitment to a "co-operative, integrated and dynamic European Union".

He also demanded full participation by Britain in the discussions leading up to monetary union, saying that Britain "cannot afford forever a government attitude which sees us hovering half in and half out".

Mr Brown's insistence that unemployment must be tackled first by the EU was clearly intended to make it clear that Labour would be no softer than the Tories when it came to the crucial decision of whether Britain should join.

Mr Brown said: "You cannot build a monetary union on doing nothing about 20 million unemployed. It is the threat of unemployment which is responsible for the widespread jobs insecurity which is depressing confidence and growth in Britain and across Europe."

Mr Brown laid stress on the "substantial" potential benefits of a monetary union, particularly stability, lower interest rates and reduced currency speculation. He said: "Britain can no longer afford to stand and carp from the sidelines. In trade, and in macroeconomic management, isolationism is not an option. We put our future in jeopardy by being on the outside."

NEWS IN BRIEF

European defence strategy advanced

Europe's attempt to forge its own defence strategy moved forward yesterday with proposals that will enable European countries to tackle peacekeeping operations using Nato equipment.

Ministers from the Western European Union, meeting in Birmingham, focused on the need to strengthen the WEU, long the distant cousin of Nato. Britain, which holds the WEU presidency, is campaigning to develop it as the European pillar of the alliance but opposes attempts to integrate it into the European Union. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said Bonn wanted a merger between the WEU and EU, with the WEU receiving instructions from the Council of Ministers. But Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said: "We are very happy for a closer relationship to develop between the EU and the WEU. We don't want to see it being taken over by the EU."

Fake BSE farmer fined

A farmer has been fined £30,000 for falsifying documents to suggest that cattle he sold had come from farms which had never had any cases of "mad cow" disease. David Dunster, 63, of Dartington, Devon, admitted five charges of applying false trade descriptions to 44 cattle at Plymouth Crown Court. He said they had been reared on BSE-free farms but they were traced to herds on other farms which had suffered BSE outbreaks in the previous six years. He was also ordered to pay £8,500 costs.

Killer jailed for life

A man was jailed for life for setting alight his lodgings and killing his landlady and her two young children. A medical report stated that Darren Carr was suffering from a psychopathic personality disorder when he splashed petrol about the house in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and ignited it. Carr, 25, admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished reponsibility at Birmingham Crown Court. Carr moved into the house after answering an advertisement seeking a rent-free lodger who would babysit.

Burglars kill woman, 94

A woman of 94 is believed to have been suffocated in her bed by burglars who entered her home through an open window. It was the fifth burglary in two years at the home of Dorothy Wood in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Miss Wood, a former midwife and school nurse, was deaf and partially blind. She had lived alone for many years and was found dead by neighbours. Detective Superintendent Gary Haigh said: "Miss Wood was an independent lady living her life with dignity."

Hell's Angel ordered out

A former Hell's Angel was yesterday ordered out of the theatre shed where he has been squatting for the past 18 months. John Warlock, 53, was given 14 days to leave the hut in the grounds of York Theatre Royal. After the hearing at York County Court, Mr Warlock said: "I am not moving. I might have a sit-in or something instead." Theatre staff allowed him to move in to the lean-to because he was living rough on the streets in the winter. The theatre now wants the shed to store empty crates from the bar.

'Real' party launched

The "Real Tory Party" was launched last night to woo disenchanted Conservatives who cannot face voting for Labour but have had enough of John Major. The venture has been organised by 30 disaffected former Conservative councillors and supporters in Salisbury, Wiltshire. Founder members want to return to "the old values of the family, decency and the community". They will stand against Tory candidates whom they believe have cheated on the "Tory ethic".

Gay parents case

Social workers at Inverclyde council have refused to intervene in the case of a lesbian couple who were criticised by the Church of Scotland for bringing up a child on a "timeshare" with two gay men. Ruth Henry, the child's natural mother by artificial insemination, has defended the pact which means that two-year-old Jacob spends weekdays with her and her partner at their home in Gourock, Strathclyde, and weekends with his father and partner who live near by.

Clue on missing girls

Two girls who ran away from boarding school told a member of the public they were planning to hitch-hike to Fort William, police said yesterday. Officers throughout Scotland were following up reported sightings of Aileen McGhie and Kirsty Ann Boyd, both 15, who disappeared eight days ago from Lomond School, Helensburgh, near Dumbarton. Inspector Brian Lennox said: "We are still hoping the girls will get in touch. They must know people are looking for them."

Plan for eco-village

Environmental protesters applied for planning permission for a "sustainable, low-impact eco-village" on a wasteland site in Wandsworth, south London, owned by Guinness. The 500-strong group of "land campaigners" are already constructing a tented community on the site in protest at the amount of land lying derelict in the capital. A spokesman for Wandsworth Council said: "Without the landowner's permission, an application seems pointless."

Model, 12, put 'on hold'

The parents of a 12-year-old girl described as the next supermodel have decided to defer her career. MPs and health experts had criticised the decision to launch Rachel Kirkby on the international fashion scene after she was signed by the model agency Select. In a statement, Select and James and Gaye Kirkby said: "In the best interests of Rachel Kirkby, Select and Mr and Mrs Kirkby have decided to put Rachel's modelling career on hold."

Elderly 'betrayed'

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betrayal. No one told today's elderly that their care was to be their responsibility. They were promised care from the cradle to the grave and that promise is now broken."

The Government's propusals, outlined in a consultation paper yesterday, follow growing concern that people are being forced to sell their homes to pay for the high cost of long-term care in residential or nursing homes.

But critics immediately claimed that the plans would benefit the well-off and fail to resolve the basic problem of funding long-term care.

Mr Dorrell said that roughly one in five people who reached retirement would need long-term residential care, costing up to £20,000 a year. At present people have to contribute to their care costs if they have savings of over £10,000, and have to pay the full costs if their assets are over £16,000.

Mr Dorrell said the individual rather than the state should take principal responsibility. "We shall continue to provide a safety net. In addition, we shall ensure a framework is in place to encourage people to provide for themselves and protect the interests of those who do," he said.

The Association of British Insurers and Bupa, Britain's biggest private health provider, were optimistic.

"A move like this is bound to open up the market. It should ensure a wider range of products and premiums will probably be able to come down as more customers show interest and competition increases," a spokesman for the association said.

But the plan was criticised by charities representing the elderly.

Mervyn Kohler, head of public affairs for Help the Aged, said: "How are the large numbers of pensioners who live on a very low income but do not receive means-tested benefits going to find the money to pay for such a scheme? This is a short-term solution to a long-term problem."

Artist defends his careworn Queen

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first thing that strikes one is the extraordinary drawing in the painting. It's very much a painting of an oldish person. I suppose that certain people won't like that. But in the drawing of the hands and face, it's quite remarkable. It has some of the quality of a Florentine drawing in it. In some ways, it is very like her."

The painting was not executed without difficulty. "My first sittings were in the Yellow Room at the front of Buckingham Palace; the later ones were moved to a room at the back, where the light was completely different," Mr Williams said.

The artist is relatively new to portraits, having previously concentrated on still life and landscapes. He won the commission on the basis of a painting of Dr Michael Adie, the retired Bishop of Guildford; his only previous subject of note had been Lady Moore, wife of a former private secretary to the Queen.

All portraits of the Queen tend to be judged against Annigoni's heroic 1955 portrait, which is destined to become the Holbein of the reign. Even that ruffled the art establishment, and no later portrait of the monarch has won universal acclaim.

Looking at a photograph of the image, Richard Cork, art critic of *The Times*, said: "Nobody could accuse this dismal image of blandness or flattery, the besetting sins of modern Royal portraiture. Pinched and gloomy, the ageing Queen stares towards a cold light. She seems to have been stripped of all her monarchical trappings, and frowns as she contemplates the future. This is the portrait of a woman permanently scarred by her *annus horribilis*. She appears to inhabit some glacial region, frozen by the chill of public hostility towards the royal family as a whole.

"The glamour of Annigoni's portrait of the youthful Elizabeth is utterly removed from this painting. She has become a Winter Queen, with hands raw and chapped enough to have suffered from arctic exposure. No comfort can be drawn from the portrait, and to that extent it can be commended for its toughness. But it fails to offer any deeper insight into its subject beyond a general air of depression."

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End of innocence on a summer's afternoon for two young friends who shared a love of angling

Life for loner who lured boys to death at fishing ponds

BY KATE ALDERSON

A LONER who enticed two young boys to their deaths during a summer afternoon's fishing trip was given a double life sentence yesterday. Steven Heaney strangled and stabbed his victims, then sat at home watching a murder mystery on television as police searched for the two young friends.

Heaney, 36, a factory worker from Eastham, Wirral, pleaded guilty at Liverpool Crown Court to murdering Paul Barker, 13, and Robert Gee, 12, at fishing ponds just a mile from their homes. The bodies of the two classmates were found 200 yards apart on July 30 last year, the day after the murders. They lay next to their prized mountain bikes and fishing equipment.

The killer, balding and with a pencil-thin moustache, looked gaunt and hunched as he held on to a courtroom rail with both hands during sentencing. Mr Justice Ognall told him: "You put a brutal end to two innocent young lives. The medical reports indicate that you are fully responsible for what you did. In the light of your actions that day and indeed days before and all the surrounding circumstances, there must be a profound anxiety as to the continuing risk you present if consideration is given to your release from custody."

During the 27-minute hearing the court was told by Richard Henriques, QC, for the prosecution, that Paul and Robert had set off for a fishing trip to Carpies pond, Eastham Rake, at about 1pm. Four other boys were also at the pond, and there was not enough room for Paul and Robert. Heaney directed the two to a second pond. Within half an hour, he followed.

Heaney managed to separate the school friends by suggesting Paul should come to look at the fourth in a series of ponds, while Robert remained 250 metres away at the second pond. Mr. Henriques said: "At pond number four, it was beyond question that the defendant strangled Paul Barker with a wire ligature that several times encircled his neck and was pulled tight from behind."



Paul Barker



Robert Gee

Heaney then returned to Robert, took him to the third of the ponds, and killed him there. In addition, the boy's trousers had been pulled down and his T-shirt removed before he was stabbed.

When the boys' parents became concerned that their sons had not returned home by 6.30pm, they contacted police. As officers searched for them, Heaney was sitting at home with his parents watching the detective series, Colombo. Robert's body was found at 5.30 the next morning by police. At 12.45pm, Paul's body was discovered.

When Heaney was interviewed the next day, police became suspicious and cautioned him. He did not seek to deny responsibility for the deaths. He was never able to give detailed accounts of how he caused their deaths or a reason for his actions.

David Steer, QC, for the defence, said Heaney previously had an unblemished character and did not wish to prolong the suffering of the families. He said Heaney's pleas of guilty were consistent with his feelings of remorse.

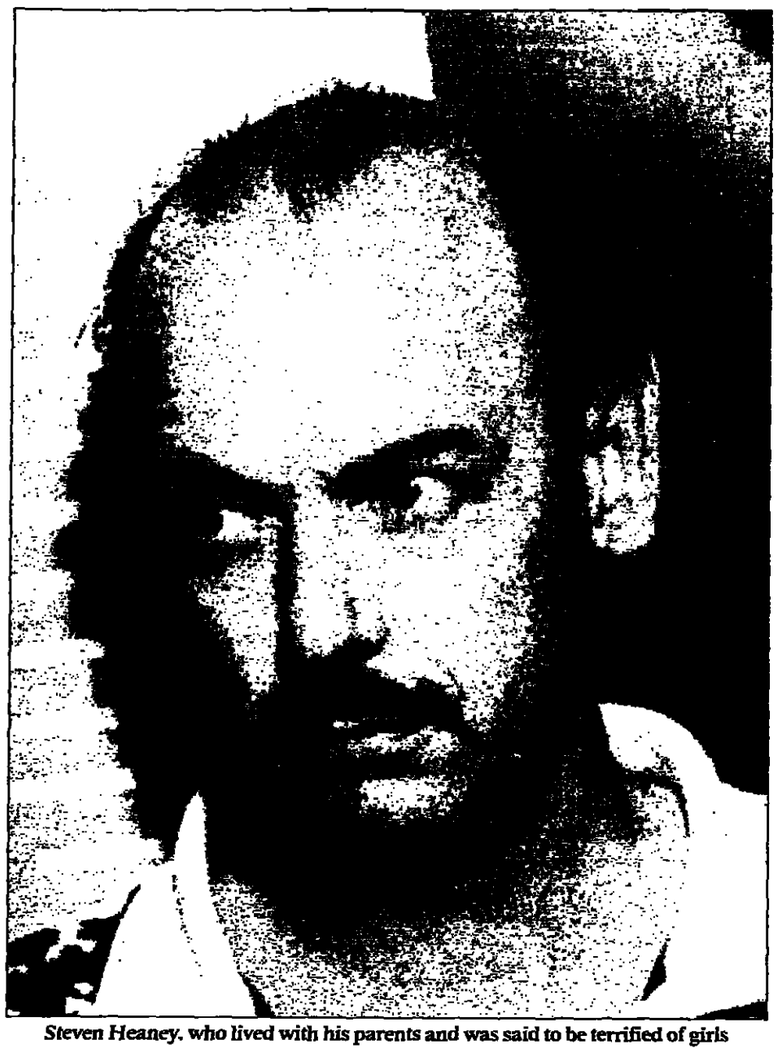
The parents of the boys were not in court yesterday, but asked for a transcript of the proceedings, which the judge said he would "unhesitatingly" make available to them. Paul's parents, Richard and Pat, were active members of their tight-knit community and the whole Barker family were very close.

Paul was a member of the Boys' Brigade unit at St David's United Reformed Church, which his father ran. His grandmother, Anne, often helped out.

The 12-year-old boy had a sharing nature and an affectionate relationship with his 11-year-old sister, Hannah. He was especially devoted to fishing, which became his hobby when he was eight. His grandfather, William, 78, took him on his first fishing trip.

Robbie, an only child, was a fellow pupil at South Wirral High School. He was smaller than Paul and enjoyed sport, fishing and outdoor activities. He was a fanatical football fan who loved going to watch Liverpool or Tranmere Rovers and enjoyed going abroad on holiday with his parents, Lenny and Kathy.

Tranmere players John Aldridge, now the club manager, and Shaun Garnett attended the boys' joint funeral last August. The soccer anthem You'll Never Walk Alone was played at the service at St David's United Reform Church, in Eastham, and a minute's silence was observed before a Tranmere game.



Steven Heaney, who lived with his parents and was said to be terrified of girls



Louise McSherry: she was approached at Carpies pond

Killer asked girl to take off her top

BY ADRIAN LEE

A SCHOOLGIRL described how she was confronted by Steven Heaney five days before he murdered Robert Gee and Paul Barker at the same spot. Louise McSherry, 15, said she was terrified when he produced a nine-inch fishing knife and tried to lure her into some bushes.

"I can't help thinking it could have been me," said Louise, who was fishing alone at the pool, known as Carpies pond, in Eastham, Wirral. "He told me his name was Steve and he was in the Army and was a martial arts expert. He seemed very nervous. He kept pacing behind me and I felt frightened but I tried not to show it."

Then Heaney pulled out the knife and some plastic binding. "My rod was dipping into the water and he said the knife would help support it. I began packing my things up slowly.

"He said I had a very fit body and asked if I had a suntan. He suggested I take my top off so I would catch the sun. He asked me a few times." Heaney then tried to entice her into the bushes behind the pool. "He said he could hear a baby duck and he was going to have a look. He asked if I was going with him. I picked up my gear and as we walked I turned off towards my house."

The incident was not reported to police. Louise's mother, Susan, said: "When Robbie and Paul were killed I kept thinking how it could easily have been my daughter."

'Heaney the Weeny' lived for Army cadets

BY KATE ALDERSON

STEVEN HEANEY had no adult friends. He lived with his elderly parents and sought out the company of boys and young men.

His passion in life was the Army Cadet Force, which he joined in 1985. He had no regular Army experience but because of his enthusiasm rose quickly to the rank of staff sergeant and worked as an instructor responsible for training 30 teenage boys attached to the 7th Royal Corps of Transport in Birkenhead.

He dedicated himself to the Cadets and spent his time running the unit, which was meant to open on only two evenings a week. He would open up at least four times a week, sometimes when there were no youngsters there.

He boasted about his shooting skills to cadets and falsely claimed he was the youngest ever corporal in the Army and a military policeman discharged on medical grounds. Former Sergeant Major John Cowley, 51, who ran another Army attachment near by, became suspicious of his colleague, describing him as a "time-bomb" waiting to explode.

"We all knew there was something creepy about him," he said. "He seemed a bit too interested in the children. He never showed any interest in women and he refused to have girls in his unit. I made an official complaint in 1988 but apparently nothing was done about it."

Mr Cowley discovered Heaney was opening up his unit's hut every day and that teenagers were turning up on a daily basis to play darts and pool. Heaney claimed the boys would rather be with him than at school. "I told him it was insane," Mr Cowley said. "Instructors are not supposed to fraternise with boys unaccompanied because it could leave them open to all sorts of allegations."

He also took cadets away on unofficial camping trips without informing his superiors. Mr Cowley said: "He once took my son away with him on an official ACF trip to Belgium. When he came back my lad said he always felt uncomfortable with Heaney.

"He said Heaney would play rough and tumble with the boys but it always went too far. He would pin the lads down in a manner that went beyond the playful and it scared my lad."

Rumours that Heaney was homosexual were rife in the ACF. "Heaney was always very effeminate and seemed terrified of girls," Mr Cowley said. "He never had a girlfriend but you could understand that because he was so creepy. He scared women and I think he knew that. He was only really comfortable around young boys."

Mr Cowley said he lied about his rank and claimed to be an officer to people who did not know him. He wore his uniform as often as possible and was the only Army member who went home after an exercise still wearing black face camouflage. "He would buy Army equipment and knives."

Steve Brown, 25, a former cadet, remembered Heaney as a man who lived for the ACF. "It seemed like his whole life. We all thought he was a baby and it was almost as if he was younger than us. We called him Heaney the Weeny."

He left the ACF in 1990 after an apparent dispute over missing money.

Olympic athletes lose legal rights

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Olympic rowing champions Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent yesterday became the first members of the British team to sign an agreement that will force athletes to forfeit their legal rights or be barred from competing in the Atlanta Games.

Athletes, their coaches and agents reacted furiously to the move by the International Olympic Committee that obliges competitors to accept the ruling of the independent Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Vincente Modahl, the husband of Diane, who was cleared of a doping offence in March after a 19-month legal battle, said: "If Diane had signed this before the 1994 Commonwealth Games she would have been found guilty by the court in Canada and would have had no chance of challenging the verdict later."

John Bicourt, a leading agent, said: "This will cause a huge rumpus. It is draconian." A clause in the team members' agreement of the British Olympic Association states that a competitor has to "submit the dispute for exclusive and final determination" to CAS. The court was set up by the IOC, although it prides itself on its independence. Its members include 12 international lawyers.

In the IOC entry form for Atlanta, the competitor has to agree not to "institute any claim, arbitration or litigation, or seek any other form of relief in any other court or tribunal".

Bruce Mellstrom, the BOA lawyer, said that the agreement was operative only for the Games but British competitors were being warned that it was legally binding. "It is not the intention to take away the civil rights of athletes. The CAS is a quick, easy, non-expensive way to settle disputes."

Asked about the rights of individuals, he said: "People have the choice of whether they want to accept them and compete in the Games — or not."

Oyston 'victim of conspiracy'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE tycoon Owen Oyston yesterday told the court where he is being tried on rape charges that he had been the victim of a conspiracy by two government ministers.

The millionaire chairman of Blackpool Football Club said Lord Blaker, formerly the Blackpool South MP Peter Blaker, and the ex-sports minister Robert Atkins, MP for South Ribble, had mounted the conspiracy against him and members of the Labour Party in the North West.

Mr Oyston, 62, a life-long Labour supporter, told Liverpool Crown Court that he had 48 hours of tape-recorded conversations between Lord Blaker, Mr Atkins, a Blackpool businessman called William Harrison, a man named Michael Murrin "and a whole range of other senior people in the Tory party".

"The tapes showed that Lord Blaker, William Harrison and Robert Atkins — two ministers of the Government — were running a conspiracy against me and members of the North West Labour Party," he said. Mr Oyston said he had failed to have a civil action against those responsible heard in this country because of a lawyer's mistake, but was pursuing his case through the European Court of Human Rights.

Earlier a detective had told the court, where Mr Oyston denies raping two teenagers, that in February last year the tycoon had told him he believed his arrest was linked to the conspiracy. Detective Constable Martin Hughes said Mr Oyston had told him his arrest at his home, Claughton Hall, near Lancaster, had come only three weeks before his civil case against the two politicians had been due to come before the High Court.

He had alleged that a "very nasty and vicious" campaign had been waged against him for ten to 12 years. As well as the rape charges Mr Oyston denies one charge of indecent assault. The case continues.

Harley Street tenants twitch after order to put up the net curtains

BY TIM JONES

TENANTS occupying some of the most expensive and exclusive properties in Britain have been told they must cover their windows with net or lace curtains.

The order, which will cause a flutter of dismay among chic interior designers, applies to the estate of Lord Howard de Walden, one of the country's wealthiest landowners.

His 1,200 properties, thought to be worth about £250 million, are mostly in the West End of London and include addresses in Harley Street and Wimpole Street.

For decades, net curtains have had a bad image, being associated with nosy, interfering neighbours, who betray their presence by twitching them.

In spite of that, the estate gazette reminds tenants, who include prominent doctors and dentists, that whatever the dictates of fashion they must hang the curtains "to protect the estate's elegant residential character".

The gazette admits some people regard net as old hat but draws the attention of tenants to a clause in their lease which states that windows "must be properly cleaned at least once in every month and at all times be kept fitted with curtains or lace, net or other material approved by the landlord".

It adds: "Up with the net, or lace if you prefer, before someone looks in on you. You have been warned."

Simon Baynham, the estate manager, said the reminder to tenants had been made to preserve the character of the elegant Georgian properties, which were originally built as private residences.



The landowner, Lord Howard de Walden

"The curtains are required to maintain the charm of the area and ensure that people do not look in and see things like word processors and other office equipment. The piece in the newsletter was rather lighthearted but it is not a joke. The requirement is there."

Lord Howard de Walden, 83, was away from his Avington Manor estate, near Hungerford, Berkshire, and unavailable for comment. The 9th Baron and former senior steward of the Jockey Club had a stroke just before Christmas and is recuperating in Ireland.

Net curtains, it seems, are increasingly regarded as essential to ensure privacy. A recent issue of Vogue reviewed seven different net styles and said: "Since nets are a necessary evil these days, they might as well be chic."

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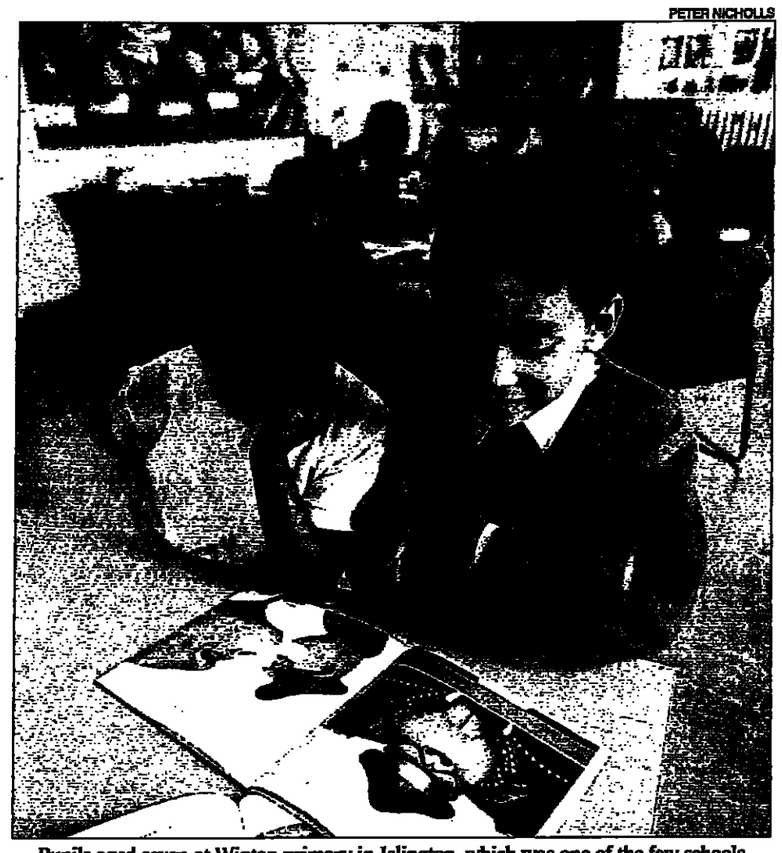
BY JOHN O'LEARY

BOARDING schools' examination results are being underestimated by more than 10 per cent in government league tables, putting millions in overseas earnings at risk, a survey claimed yesterday.

Foreign parents seeking a boarding education for their children studied the tables, head teachers said as the Boarding Schools Association conference started in Ambleside in the Lake District. But, they said, rankings based on the performance of 15-year-olds alone were misleading them over many schools' standards.

Independent schools have long complained that age-related tables put them at a disadvantage because they are flexible about the timing of public examinations. Boarding schools have many foreign students, who often enter a year behind their age group. Ministers added a column to performance tables in 1995 for results of the year group, but few state schools sent in the information.

PETER NICHOLLS



Pupils aged seven at Winton primary in Islington, which was one of the few schools praised in the Ofsted study. At others teachers were accused of failing children

Shephard orders teachers back to basics on reading

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GILLIAN SHEPHARD yesterday demanded a return to traditional teaching methods after a survey found that 20 per cent of seven year olds in three inner-London boroughs could not read.

The Education and Employment Secretary criticised the way many primary school staff had been trained to educate and announced plans for a league table of teacher training colleges.

Ofsted, the school inspection agency, has so far assessed seven of the 68 colleges and given one, at Lancaster University, the lowest possible grade for the way its students learn to teach English and maths.

Mrs Shephard yesterday backed Ofsted's report on 45 schools in three London boroughs, which blamed weak teaching and leadership for poor reading.

Teaching unions accused her of overlooking other factors, including social disadvantage and the high number of children who spoke English as a second language. Inspectors acknowledged that many of the pupils came from poor backgrounds, but said they were "doubly disadvantaged" by weak teaching.

"At the heart of the problem is a commitment to methods and approaches to the teaching of reading that were self-evidently not working when judged by the outcomes of pupils' progress and attainment," the report said. Children were left to "discover" reading or were taught ad hoc when they should have been learning systematically the building blocks of language.

Mrs Shephard said: "I have little doubt that similar problems exist in other parts of the country and I will do all in my power to put things right." She pledged to strengthen inspectors' powers to assess local education authorities and said they would be allowed to conduct their own tests on pupils as part of special subject assessments.

The boroughs surveyed, Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets, gave permission for Ofsted to use a standardised reading test. This showed that just a fifth of seven year olds had attained the average reading standard for their age; a fifth failed to achieve a score. At the age of 11, two in five pupils were reading at or above average, but two out of five were two years or more behind.

The report said a quarter of schools "did not have books and other materials of sufficient quality and quantity to teach the national curriculum effectively". But Mrs Shephard said: "We are not dealing here with a problem of resources. We are dealing with teacher skills and methods, leadership and organisation." Inspectors said many of the teachers had blamed inadequate preparation at training college.

Mrs Shephard dismissed accusations of political bias against Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools. Tower Hamlets council said the report had been rewritten to highlight the negative and called it a "betrayal".

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the profession would resist the plan to allow inspectors to conduct their own tests of pupils.

John Major told the Commons yesterday that he sympathised with parents in "Labour-controlled local authorities, whose record was shown up so sadly in the report by Ofsted".

The Prime Minister taunted Tony Blair for sending his son away from his home borough of Islington to a grant-maintained school and Harriet Harman for sending her son to a selective school outside Southwark. "The only response the Labour Party has to this is to threaten to give more powers to those very same councils that their front bench won't entrust their own children to."

Doubt was cast on the effect that teaching methods can have on reading attainment by the National Foundation for Education Research, which provided the test used in Ofsted's inquiry. Greg Brooks, a senior research officer, said teaching quality and method made only about 10 per cent difference. He said national reading had been rising for the past five years.

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Shephard: said it was not a problem of resources

Worst pupils came from white homes

BY DAVID CHARTER

INSPECTORS were astounded to find some teachers had adopted a technique of listening to several children read different books aloud at the same time in the inner-city schools they assessed.

They reported that when teachers listened to children read one-to-one it was only of limited benefit, but listening to two or more seven-year-olds at once was impossible and little progress was made. Most classes observed held a daily session of quiet reading, but this was often "aimless".

The worst readers of English in the inspectors' own test were white pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and the best performance at both 7 and 11 was by black Africans.

Bangladeshi pupils, who made up nearly a fifth of the survey, could barely read at seven but were almost as fluent as white children by 11. English was the first language of only half the pupils tested.

A big weakness was failure to teach effectively the building blocks of language using the phonics method. Phonics means children learn to read by decoding words using the sounds of their letters. Thus C A T (or kuh a tuh) spells cat, and nothing else. Opponents say the system is boring. At older ages, pupils were not being encouraged to evaluate or respond to their reading.

The inspectors said: "Phonics provides pupils with the knowledge to decode and build words, upon which success in early reading and writing depends, and gives pupils the confidence they need to tackle new texts. Moreover, because phonics is a set of culturally determined conventions it cannot be left to be 'discovered'."

Inspectors acknowledged the areas studied represented "some of the highest levels of disadvantage in the country". In one of the schools, English was the first language of just 2 per cent of pupils.

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Patients taking those drugs should be careful when they eat in a cheap restaurant, for soya or another flavoured vegetable protein may have been added to the stew or mince to make it go further.

The physiologist may have seemed unmannerly to smell his sandwich but it was an important precaution, for any food that is no longer fresh may precipitate a sudden severe rise in blood pressure, which can also be brought about by the long list of outlawed foods. Strokes have occurred when these precautions have not been taken.

The MOI antidepressants are not the only drugs that do not mix well with certain foods. Milk and other dairy products combine several preparations, including some antibiotics, and thereby prevent the drugs' absorption.

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Lottery winner's life in the fast lane, with mum riding shotgun

BY BILL FROST

WEALTH beyond the dreams of avarice would not corrupt or change him, Karl Crompton said yesterday as he clutched a cheque for almost £11 million, his share of the National Lottery jackpot.

However, the battered banger he drove until Saturday had already lost the parking place in his heart to a Porsche Carrera 911 and a champagne flute had been substituted for his pint beer glass. The 23-year-old bachelor from Blackpool wore the sort of smile that only the obscenely rich can afford.

Mr Crompton, an assistant manager at a Comet electrical goods store (until he picks up his final pay cheque later this week), thought he would have little difficulty adapting to a life of luxury.

"I'm pretty damn' sure I'll have no problem with that at all," he told reporters at a golf club in Hertfordshire where his cheque was presented. Dubbed the "Rollover Romeo" by the tabloids, Mr Crompton acknowledged that his new bank balance would inevitably enhance his pulling power. "I don't have a girlfriend," he said. "There is one I would like to go out with but I don't think her boyfriend would be keen."

How would Mr Crompton cope with women after one thing — his money? His mother Patricia intervened immediately. "I'll fend them off," she said firmly. "Karl is a sensible lad really. The only thing that worries me is the motorcycle he intends to buy."

The offending item is a Ducati 916, an £18,000 £165mph racer that won the world Superbike series last year. A dealer thoughtfully provided a limited-edition 916 Senna model for yesterday's photo-opportunity. Mr Crompton hopes to race motorcycles — "if mum lets me" — but market forces may be on his mother's side and prevent an impulse buy: Steve Dimascio, sales manager with Motorcycle City in Farnborough, said: "We are sold out for the year. There are only 30 made a year and the waiting list can be long and it's impossible to jump it — even if you have loads of money."

The £94,000 180mph Porsche will prove equally elusive. It will be the end of the year before one is available.

Mrs Crompton, who intends to continue working as a chiropodist's receptionist, played a key part in the win by suggesting numbers as her son hurriedly completed his ticket on Saturday before embarking on a night's "clubbing". She wrote the winning numbers on the back of the *Radio Times*. "I thought mum and dad were having a joke. It wasn't until I checked Teletext that I realised I had hit the jackpot," Mr Crompton said.

Before leaving Blackpool yesterday morning, Mr Crompton called his boss. "He said 'I suppose I won't be seeing you at 9am then?' I said 'Presumably not'." His immediate plans are for a holiday, possibly in Mauritius with "a mate". Then he will buy a house for himself and any other members of his family who would like one. "Somewhere in Blackpool — all my friends are close by," he said. If he should ever toy with the idea of work as a diversion, Mr Crompton would buy a nightclub. He has no fears that the money will be frittered. Six years ago he was awarded £20,000 compensation after breaking both wrists in an industrial accident. "I've hardly spent any of it," he said. The one suggestion of possible profligacy came as Mr Crompton popped the cork on a bottle of champagne and sprayed photographers. Subsequent inquiries revealed, however, that the bubbly was on someone else's tab.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Karl Crompton, who won almost £11 million, plans to buy a Porsche and race motorcycles — "if mum lets me"

Singer forsakes fish for his flute

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

IAN ANDERSON, the millionaire flautist and singer with the rock group Jethro Tull, is turning his back on fish-farming to devote himself entirely to the band.

He established a £14 million Scottish fish-farm business in 1982 with the proceeds of his distinctive folk-rock music, but yesterday said his heart had always been in music. Anderson, who once joked that the pleasures of going on stage came a close third to sex and curry, is stepping down as chairman of his Inverness-based Ian Anderson Group.

When Jethro Tüll started in 1968, Anderson thought the band was last five years at most. He later said: "I take life on stage one bar at a time." His biggest hit, *Living in the Past*, made No 3 in 1969. He has said the band's success was down to its audiences.

Anderson, 48, was yesterday embarking with the band on a tour of Australia and New Zealand. Six weeks in Europe will follow. After a concert last October, a review in *The Times* said: "He can still play the flute, metal or wooden, in a way never copied, never bettered."

His business has been renamed the Strathaird Group after his former Skye estate. Its new chairman is Michael Lunn, former chairman of the White and Mackay Group, but Anderson will continue to hold a majority of shares. The company employs 200 people at Inverness, 100 at Buckie in Grampian and 45 on Skye.

Anderson, who grew up in Edinburgh and Blackpool, said: "It has always been my intention to continue my career in music. I am delighted at the way the business has grown. I appreciate that it has attained a size and is competing in markets where we need the type of international experience and presence that Michael Lunn can bring."



Anderson: said his heart was in music

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Man admits abuse and murder of 'harmless' boy

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO men acted out their fantasies when they abducted and sexually assaulted a nine-year old boy before strangling him, a jury was told yesterday.

They kidnapped Daniel Handley from a street close to his home in east London, then took video pictures as they each assaulted him. They then drove the boy along the M4 before killing him and burying him in woodland near Bristol. At one point they told Daniel they were not going to kill him.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said at the Old Bailey: "If that sounds like a description of callous inhumanity and depravity almost beyond belief, it is exactly what this case is all about — the deliberate abuse and murder of a nine-year-old boy purely for the purpose of fulfilling their lust.

"The evidence in this case is shocking. It is about as depressing an example of the dark side of human nature, of man's inhumanity to man, and downright wickedness as you could imagine."

Timothy Morss, 33, yesterday admitted murdering Daniel, who lived in Beckton. His homosexual lover Brett Tyler, 30, denies the killing, although he admits taking part in the abduction and subsequent sexual assault on the boy.

Mr Bevan said Daniel, who he described as a "harmless, streetwise nine-year-old London kid", had asked the men after his ordeal: "Are you going to kill me?" They assured him they were not. Tyler had subsequently told police that Daniel than appeared to fall asleep in the back of their Peugeot estate car on the way to Bristol and was strangled with a length of rope.

Mr Bevan told the jury that both Tyler and Morss, who met in Wormwood Scrubs and became lovers, had a "perverted fantasy involving the abduction of a young boy, buggering him and then killing him". Both men showed "an abiding, perverted sexual interest in young boys" and travelled to the Philippines to indulge in under-age sex.

Mr Bevan said the two men approached Daniel on Sunday, October 2, 1994, as he played on his BMX bike close to his home, where he lived with his mother, her boyfriend and two brothers. Crucial in the trial was the fact that Daniel was blond, Mr Bevan said. "If he had not been, presumably he would still be alive today."

Daniel had been pushed into the rear of the Peugeot and driven to a flat above a taxi firm's office in Camberwell, south London, owned by David Guttridge, 60, a lover of Morss.

While Tyler kept guard, Morss had gone to get a video camera which was used to record the two men assaulting the boy. Later, Daniel had been bundled into Morss's estate car. Somewhere along the M4, the car had pulled off and he had been throttled. His body had been buried in woodland at Bradley Stoke, near Bristol, where Guttridge owned a house.

The body was not discovered for six months, Mr Bevan said. Guttridge had then provided Morss with cash to flee to the Philippines, where he stayed with Tyler.

The two had fallen out, returned separately to Britain and been arrested. Tyler had told police how the two men had abducted Daniel. He had described arguing with Tyler on the M4 over what to do with Daniel.

Mr Bevan said Tyler, of no fixed address, had originally told police: "Daniel looked up and asked, 'Are you going to kill me now?' I told him no and he seemed to go back to sleep. Then Tim tied a knot in a rope and put it round his neck and started pulling. I held one end. We strangled him until he was dead."

After Tyler had been charged with murder, he had changed details of the confession, insisting that it was Morss alone who had strangled the boy. He had told police that he and Morss had fantasised about abducting a child for months, adding: "It was just a fantasy."

Morss, from Leyton, east London, will be sentenced at the end of the trial. Guttridge will be sentenced later for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The trial continues today.



Daniel Handley, the nine-year-old who was abducted, assaulted and strangled

NEWS IN BRIEF

End of the line for rail thieves

Two men who cut up and sold lengths of unused railway track were each ordered by Rotherham magistrates to do 120 hours of community service. Railtrack noticed that half a mile of track had disappeared from the former Silverwood Colliery branch line. Police caught Christopher Rogan and Gary Smith red-handed, at work with an oxyacetylene cutter. They admitted a specimen charge of stealing 108 feet of line.

Surging costs

Midlands Electricity Board is to replace electrical goods worth up to £15,000 that were damaged or destroyed by a power surge at the weekend. A faulty cable increased voltage from 230 to 370 in the Yate area of Bristol.

Soldier killed

A British soldier on assignment with the US Marines has died of head injuries after he was struck by a car. Mark Boulton, 34, of Colchester, Essex, was crossing Highway 17 near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Oasis name dates

Oasis has announced three outdoor summer concerts. The group will play at Balloch Castle, by Loch Lomond, on Saturday August 3 and at Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, twice the following weekend.

Drink-drive bus

A minibus driver found with an empty vodka bottle and a half-finished bottle of whisky in his cab was three times over the drink-drive limit. Roger Card, 55, of Exmouth, Devon, admitted drink-driving. The case was adjourned.

Scaffolding death

A workman was killed and three others injured when they fell 100ft after scaffolding collapsed at the Exchange Plaza office development in Edinburgh. The dead man was named as Thomas Dolan, 48, of Airdrie.

All to play for

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Hedgehog feast

A chicken-based food for hedgehogs could soon be on sale in supermarkets. Spike's Dinner is now available in pet shops at 42p a can and Perky Petfoods of Lincoln says several supermarket chains are interested.

Fans jam Euro 96 tickets hotline

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TICKET sales for the Euro 96 football championship in June were left in chaos yesterday after so many fans called a hotline to book seats at Wembley that the specially installed switchboard crashed.

Hundred of thousands of supporters, eager to snap up a new allocation of 5,000 tickets at the national stadium, received a dead-line signal instead of the engaged tone.

Alec McGiven, the Euro 96 spokesman, said: "There was no fault on the line but there were so many calls that the system switched over from the engaged to the dead-line tone. We understand how frustrating and confusing this must have been to punters and we want to apologise to them."

Organisers of Euro 96 advertised the ticket hotline, 099 099 1996, which opened in Stoke-on-Trent at 9am yesterday. Fifty operators manned a BT system geared to coping with a huge number of calls.

However, BT said 19,500 calls were received at 9am, jamming the system, and then people kept redialling. Although the hotline was kept open until 8 pm, many callers were still getting a dead-line signal in the late afternoon.

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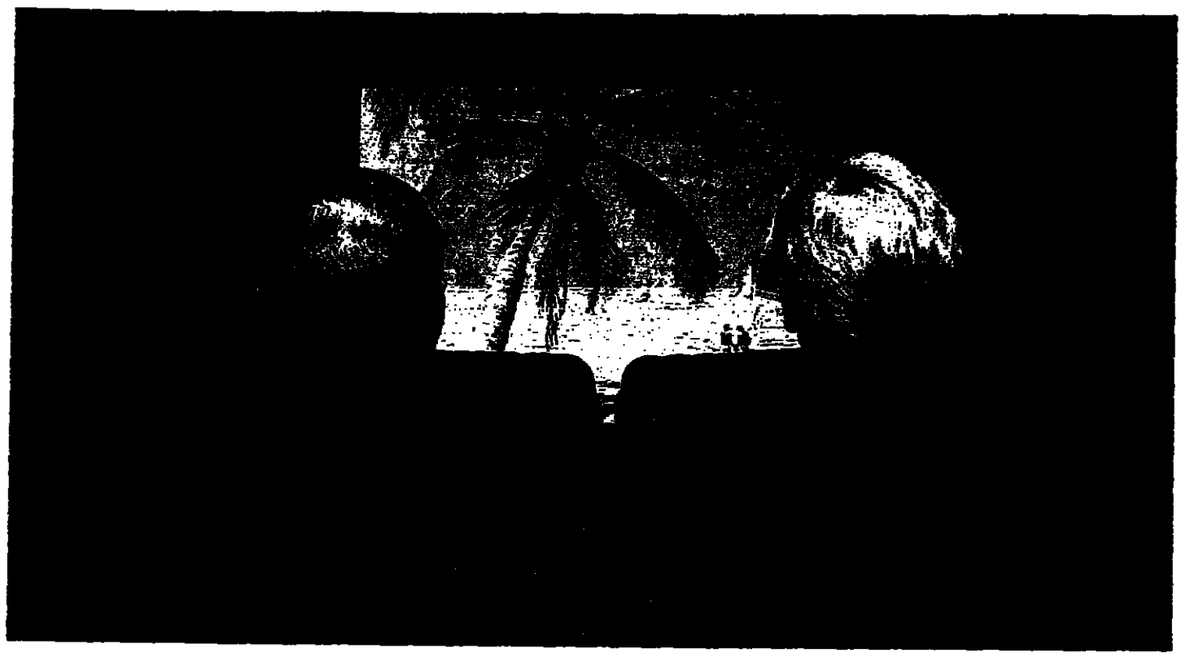
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MPs support ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE ban on homosexuals serving in the Armed Forces was backed by a Commons committee yesterday after a comprehensive review by MPs. The MPs accepted that the presence of openly homosexual servicemen and women would have a "significant adverse impact on morale and, ultimately, on operational effectiveness".

The MPs on the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, which meets every five years to review legislation covering the three services, acknowledged that they had been impressed by those who argued that the ban was an infringement of human rights.

However, in its report, published yesterday, the committee said: "There has to be a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the whole. In an organisation in which strict discipline and good morale are essential, it has long been accepted that members have to live with certain restrictions that do not apply in civilian life."

Support for the ban on homosexuals from the committee, which consisted of six Conservative MPs and five Labour MPs, including John Reid, a Labour defence spokesman, will add weight to the Government's case if it has to defend its policy before the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg.

The committee studied the policies of other countries, but remained unconvinced there was a need for change. The report said: "There is no easy compromise available. None of the various options that have been put forward can satisfy everyone." The MPs rejected the American policy of "don't ask, don't tell" as impractical, and also dismissed the German approach under which homosexuals are allowed to serve but only in certain roles.

Since the last committee reported five years ago, 30 officers and 331 other ranks had been discharged or dismissed on grounds of homosexuality, the report said.

Four of those dismissed are still pursuing legal action against the Government and plan to take their case to Strasbourg if they fail in the House of Lords.

The MPs were persuaded by the arguments of servicemen and women who took part in a recent Ministry of Defence survey of opinion and opposed lifting the ban.

However, the MPs expressed concern that individuals in the services who wished to talk about their homosexuality should have someone to go to without fear of being exposed.

While taking evidence the MPs heard allegations that, in some cases, chaplains had passed on confidential information about a person's sexuality to commanding officers, leading to investigations and the person being discharged. The committee said: "We recommend that the MoD and those responsible for the chaplaincies ensure that all discussions between chaplains and personnel remain strictly confidential."

Angela Mason, executive director of Stonewall, which campaigns for gay rights, said yesterday: "The select committee has yet again pandered to prejudice."

☐ *Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill*, HMSO, £22.

How Navy copes with mixed crews

BY MICHAEL EVANS

ROYAL NAVY warships with mixed crews must follow a code of conduct between the sexes, including no touching or leering or pictures of a "sexual nature" that might offend.

Details of the "Green Guide", as well as general orders given to Navy commanding officers about women at sea, are published for the first time in yesterday's report by the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill.

Under the rules for mixed crews, members of the opposite sex may enter each other's messdecks between 8am and Pipe Down (sleep time) only with permission and provided the quarters guarantee adequate privacy for those trying to sleep or change.

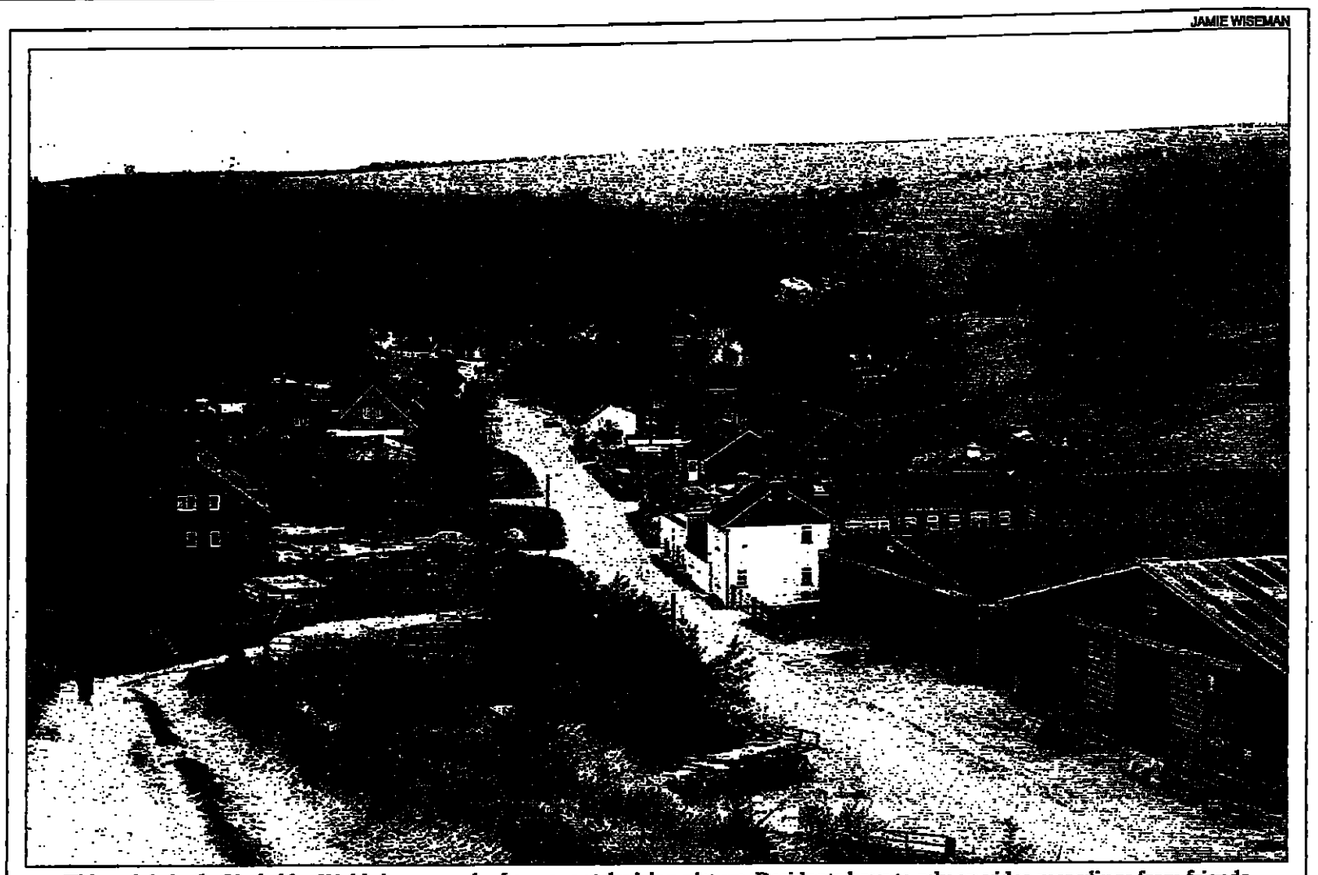
Intimate touching or other behaviour between the sexes "is not permitted in ships at any time".

The Green Guide covers disciplinary offences, including cases of alleged sexual harassment, stating: "Behaviour which could be construed as harassment includes unsolicited acts ranging from leers, gestures or comments of a sexual nature, to subtle or explicit demands for or offers of sexual favours. The display of material of a sexual nature in a place where it can be offensive to the opposite sex can also constitute sexual harassment."

The guide also gives warning that any relationship between the sexes of any rank or rating which gives the impression of partiality or compromises the chain of command is forbidden.

The general orders for all commanding officers acknowledge that "ashore, there is little that can be done to stop intimacy in private between consenting adults, although the consequences are often greater than the participants realise. Experience suggests that affairs can rarely be kept secret".

JAMIE WISEMAN



Thixendale in the Yorkshire Wolds has never had a proper television picture. Residents have to rely on video recordings from friends

Village plans warm reception for TV

BY PAUL WILKINSON

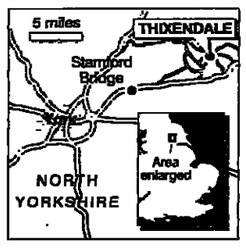
PEOPLE in the remote farming hamlet of Thixendale live in a time warp. Not for them the rush home to catch the latest episode of *Coronation Street*, or afternoons spent glued to Channel Four Racing.

The village is one of the few mainland communities where watching prime-time television is something other people do. Despite all the advances in the science of transmission since John Logie Baird gave his first demonstration in 1926, watching television in the tiny community, tucked in a fold of the Yorkshire Wolds, is akin to watching through a snowstorm.

Geographical conditions mean that the signal for all four terrestrial channels passes way over the villagers' heads. Satellite TV is accessible, but as yet few of Thixendale's 120 residents have signed up for it. Instead they rely on recordings sent by friends in areas with better reception or a ten-mile drive along country lanes to either Malton or Driffield to rent videos.

Tony Fisher, a newcomer to the village, said: "I could not believe it when I moved here 13 months ago and they said we could not pick up television. Now I have got quite used to it."

Instead, the community enjoys more traditional leisure pursuits, such as pub darts and barn dances. Mr Fisher, 30, who works for the Ministry of Agriculture, said: "My dominoes are coming along a treat." Lynne Boyce, who runs the village store, said: "I have never really watched TV, but then we have never really had a picture you can see properly. It drives my husband mad. He loves his sport, but he cannot tell what is going on. I don't even think he knows TVs have colour pictures now."



People have become so fed up with the situation that they have launched a campaign to raise £10,000 for a hilltop communal aerial to feed a cable network in the village.

The fortnight-long fund-raising festival is called "Life Without TV" and will feature the very events — puppet shows, drama, music and crafts — which TV has killed off in many communities.

Andrian Ingleby, the organiser, said: "Living in rural isolation means there are no convenient cinemas, discos or clubs and we have to provide our own entertainment."

Mary Anstey, who runs the Cross Keys pub, was a little apprehensive. "I hope it does not affect my takings. There is a wonderful community spirit here and I won't spoil the darts and doms by installing a TV in the bar when it arrives."

A spokesman for National Transcommunications Ltd, which shares transmitter ownership with the BBC, said: "About 99.4 per cent of the population can receive TV pictures, but there are still some communities where high ground or tall buildings block the signal and a special aerial has to be installed."

Yesterday the village called a press conference to attract publicity for its campaign. Cameras for the local television news programmes were there in force, but unfortunately no one in Thixendale was able to watch it.

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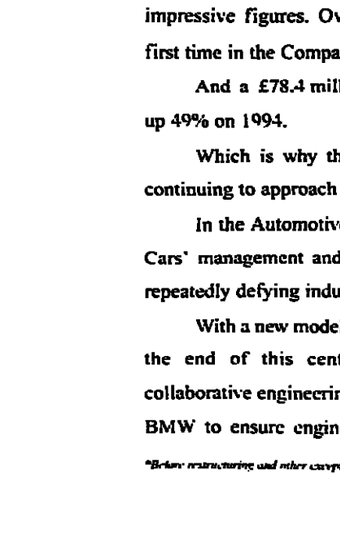
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Cholesterol-killing margarine ready to win shoppers' hearts

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A MARGARINE which dramatically reduces blood cholesterol levels has joined the growing list of food products boasting extra health benefits.

The new product was developed in Finland, where it sells out the moment it appears in the shops, despite costing six times the price of normal margarine. It will not be available for export until next year, but yesterday *The Times* became the first British newspaper to give it a taste test.

Food manufacturers are finding a huge market for so-called "functional foods". Among the most successful recent launches are Gaio yoghurt from MD Foods of Denmark, fruit drinks with soluble fibre from SmithKline Beecham, Nestlé's LCI yoghurt and Heartwatch Omega Bread. A recent survey by the Food Commission found 40 products on sale in British supermarkets claiming or implying that they could help prevent disease or improve physical health and nearly 200 containing extra vitamins or minerals.

The margarine Benecol is selling in Finland for the equivalent of £3.50 for a standard 250g pack. It was backed by an authoritative report published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* last November after a 14-month trial. Medical researchers concluded that daily consumption of 25 grams — the amount spread on two slices of toast — reduced total cholesterol in the bloodstream by 10 per cent and the level of the more harmful LDL cholesterol by 14 per cent. This could be enough to reduce the likelihood of a heart attack by a third. The higher the cholesterol levels before consumption of Benecol began, the greater was the reduction.



Benecol, from Finland, is not yet ready for export

The manufacturer, Raisio, has not been able to keep up with demand. Its share price has doubled and international investors have been piling in since the product was spotlighted by Tim Youngman, an analyst with Warburg Securities. Mr Youngman spared his last sample of Benecol for the *Times* tasters.

Michael Finney, Finnish specialist in the rival company of Kleinwort Benson, another enthusiast for Raisio's discovery, said: "I have yet to taste Benecol myself. I have never been able to get hold of any."

Raisio itself claims to be astonished by its product's success. The company's information officer, Sten von Hellens, said: "I have been overwhelmed with calls from all over the world." The company now anticipates first-year sales of up to £14 million, four times the amount originally forecast.

An extra processing unit is being built to increase production of plant sterols on which Benecol depends. Until now sterols have been used only for blending with EU intervention butter to make it easily identifiable and in some beauty creams.

Mr von Hellens said: "Our first objective is to fulfil the demands of the Finnish market. We have made no definite decision where we will market the product next. Benecol will come to Britain, but we cannot yet say when."

Raisio's soluble form of plant sterol could be used in any other fat, he said. "We could use it in Germany for *Bratwurst*, and in Britain in frying fat for fish and chips."

☐ *The Times* verdict: Benecol is at present a full-fat margarine because that is the most popular variety in Finland. It tastes more like Stork than butter, but is no less pleasant than low-fat spreads such as Flora or Vitalite. The manufacturers point out that Benecol is itself a fat and should therefore be used to replace, and not supplement, other fat in the diet.

Vital ingredient is taken from wood pulp

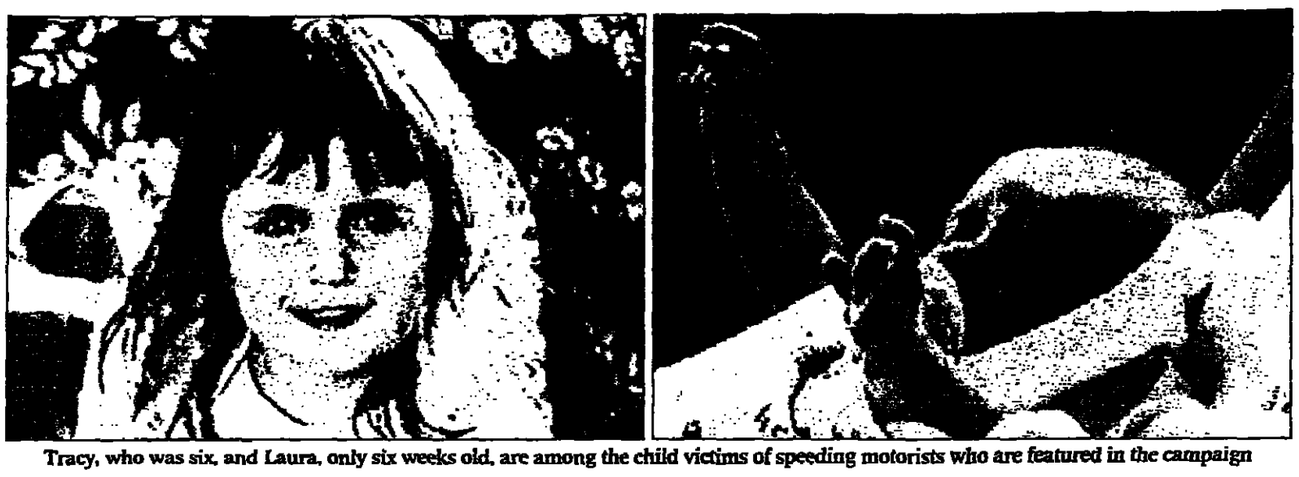
BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE SECRET of Benecol lies with the form of plant sterol it contains. For the first time, scientists have found one that is palatable and produces health-giving effects.

Scientists have known for 40 years that the sterol compound found within all plant cells inhibits the absorption of cholesterol from the gut. However, the body reacts by producing more cholesterol from the liver and there is also an unsavoury taste and texture. Raisio appears to have overcome these difficulties by producing a sterol derivative called sitostanol, made from a by-product of the wood-pulp industry with a patented purification process.

Last year's report on its effects was based on a study of 153 people who ate the margarine for a year. In Britain, experts urged caution. Professor Tom Sanders of King's College London, said: "Effectively it is a drug and it needs larger trials. It is an interesting idea and it does work, but I would be worried about it being sold over the counter. In some people plant sterols are absorbed in large quantitiies causing sitosterolaemia, which leaves deposits of sterols in the joints and tendons."

Benecol would need approval from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Food Advisory Committee before it could be marketed here.



Tracy, who was six, and Laura, only six weeks old, are among the child victims of speeding motorists who are featured in the campaign

Speed campaign puts child victims on screen

BY LIN JENKINS

The speed of motorists driving through a quiet village defied belief, a traffic policeman said yesterday. PC Ken Usher said he was unprepared for the results of the five-day campaign to crack down on speeding drivers in Lamberhurst, Kent. During the exercise, carried out for an hour a day on the A21 Hastings to London road, 481 motorists were caught breaking the 30mph limit — one every 45 seconds. PC Usher, of Kent police, said: "Drivers were rushing through at speeds in the high 50s and 60s." One motorcyclist was caught on three occasions doing up to 77mph.

A ROAD-safety campaign launched yesterday uses home video footage of child victims instead of actors because of fears that the public has become immune to warnings about dangerous driving.

The Department of Transport blames a proliferation of TV hospital and police dramas and video compilations of poor and dangerous driving for complacency towards its "Speed kills — kill your speed" slogan.

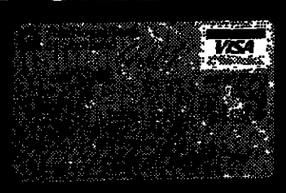
The advertisements employ home videos of child victims playing or at family celebrations and are accompanied by voice-overs of poems, which all have a sense of loss as their theme. One film features the actor John Hannah's rendition of W.H. Auden's *Funeral Blues*, used in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. Others include Juliet Stevenson reading Christina Rossetti's *Remember* and Michael Gambon reading *Autumn* by Walter de la Mare.

Six victims are shown: Laura, who was just six weeks old when she died, Tracy, 6, Adam, 7, Andrew, 11, William, 11 and Donna, 13. Tracy is seen sitting grinning on a sofa while the other children are depicted swimming or in school. Laura is seen in her pram.

Steven Norris, Road Safety Minister, said: "This is going to be just about the most powerful message shown on UK television. I don't believe there will be a single person who will watch and not be moved by this."

Some road-safety campaigners were worried that the campaign might exceed the bounds of good taste. But a transport department spokesman insisted the images were justified. A survey conducted for the department found that while 95 per cent of people thought drink-driving was an extremely serious offence, only 72 per cent thought driving at 100mph on a motorway extremely serious.

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Roy Hattersley the £110,000 journalist is head and shoulders above his Labour colleagues

Tories dominate list of Commons biggest earners

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY ANDREW PIERCE AND JAMES LANDALE

THE REGISTER

THE first Commons register detailing MPs' outside earnings has unearthed a previously undeclared treasure chest of consultancy contracts worth well over £2 million a year.

Tory MPs far outweigh their Labour counterparts in the scale of their earnings, declaring contracts worth up to £2 million. Although Labour MPs reveal payments of only £600,000, the register gives a first insight into the scale of trade union funding for office and staff expenses, which can amount to £30,000 a year in some cases.

Under new rules introduced last year, MPs now have to divulge details of earnings from outside work gained as a result of being an MP. Having resisted pressure to register the precise sum, they have to declare their incomes in £5,000 bands.

Earnings from directorships and many other business interests — such as working as a solicitor or accountant — do not have to be declared, nor does pay for work begun before an MP entered the Commons.

The former Labour deputy leader **Roy Hattersley** (Birmingham Sparkbrook) is top of the list, disclosing earnings of up to £80,000 for his work for *The Mail on Sunday* and up to £30,000 for his work for *The Guardian*.

Behind him the top earners come entirely from the Tory backbenches. **Patrick Nicholls** (Teignbridge) declares up to £76,000 from consultancies and advisory work. He declares earnings of up to £15,000 each from Hill & Smith Holdings, Channel Express Ltd, British Bus and the Clinical Dental Technicians' Association. He also collects up to £10,000 from the National Specialist Contractors' Council as a consultant, and up to £5,000 as an adviser to the London tailors Wells. His earnings for the polling firm Harris are declared at between £1 and £1,000.

Mr Nicholls provoked anger last year by demanding that MPs' pay should be raised to £126,000.

Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington) declares an outside income of up to £55,000, including two consultancy contracts each worth up to £15,000 with Gillette Management and Faulding Pharmaceuticals. He also reveals contracts worth up to £10,000 with Pielle Corporate Communications, a consultancy to industry, and consultancies of up to £5,000 from the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Association, Celltech, and Whitehall Laboratories.

Andrew Hunter (Basingstoke) declares up to £50,000 of outside work including a £15,000 consultancy contract to the Timeshare Council and to Political Planning Services, a property industry public relations firm. He also reveals contracts of up to £10,000 to the engineering firm Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick and the pharmaceutical company Lilly Pharmaceuticals.

Keith Hampson (Leeds North West) lists a string of consultancies bringing him up to £46,000. He reveals a £15,000 contract with PowerGen, £10,000 contracts with NCM credit insurance, and the insurance management company Alexander and Alexander. He also has work earning up to £5,000 from the Association of University Teachers and a training company, CAPITB.

Quentin Davies (Stamford and Spalding) is a merchant banker. His consultancies earn him up to £42,000. He is paid £20,000-£25,000 by NatWest Securities. Mr Davies, a member of the Treasury Select Committee, is also the parliamentary consultant to the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Jack Aspinwall (Wansdyke), whose heart attack last year prompted fears of another by-election, earned up to £42,000. He is the parliamentary and public affairs consultant to Rentokil, for a fee of up to £10,000, British Airports Authority (£20,000) and British Gas (up to £10,000). He also earns up to £2,000 from market research panels.

Spencer Batiste (Elmet) has a wide portfolio of outside interests but lists only his fees from consultancies. Mr Batiste cites under remunerated employment his profession as solicitor and law clerk assaying precious metals and the directorship of a Sheffield laboratory company.

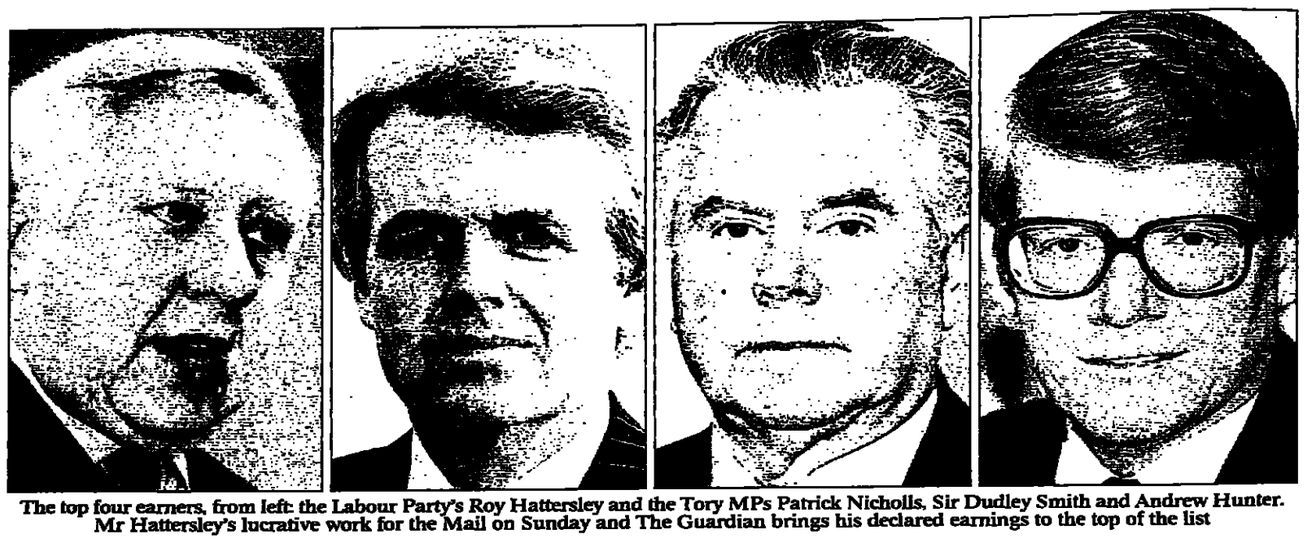
The payments he specifies are £5,000 as consultant to the Music Industries Association, up to £15,000 from Magellan Medical Communications, consultants on health issues, and £15,000 from Energic Communications, a telecommunications company. He is also a member of the market research panels.

Ian Bruce (South Dorset) runs his own recruitment, management and parliamentary consultancy. He is parliamentary adviser to the Telecommunications Managers' Association, for up to £15,000, adviser to a firm of personal injury employment advisers, for £10,000, and he is paid up to £15,000 from the Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire), who is standing down at the election, lists consultancies and directorships of up to £40,000. They include an adviser's role with Barclays Bank for between £5,000 and £10,000.

John Greenway (Rydedale) an insurance broker, is also in the £40,000 bracket. He is paid up to £15,000 by the Institute of Insurance Brokers. His consultancies with Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television and a healthcare company provide up to £25,000.

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The top four earners, from left: the Labour Party's Roy Hattersley and the Tory MPs Patrick Nicholls, Sir Dudley Smith and Andrew Hunter. Mr Hattersley's lucrative work for the Mail on Sunday and The Guardian brings his declared earnings to the top of the list

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Before and after: The new register, right, details the outside earnings of MPs in bands of £5,000 whereas the old one provided no figures at all

Trade union figures 'not clear'

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR

FRESH details of how much Labour MPs receive from trade unions and outside consultancies were disclosed in the Register of Members' Interest yesterday.

Although most union cash goes direct to Labour constituencies as sponsorship and does not have to be declared, Opposition MPs have been forced to say how much the unions give them directly.

As Labour's employment spokesman, Ian McCartney receives £8,000 from the Fire Brigade Union, £10,000 from the Communication Workers' Union and £12,500 from Unison for his office.

However, Labour MPs were attacked by the Tories for failing to declare how much they received from the unions to pay for their election expenses. Many Opposition MPs, including Tony Blair and John Prescott, said simply that a union or other interest group paid "more than 25 per cent" of their election expenses in 1992 — without giving a precise figure.

Election expenses for individual MPs are difficult to calculate because the limits vary in each constituency. Voters wanting to discover how much their Labour MP was given by the unions would have to do the calculations themselves.

"This leaves us none the wiser about the money that changes hands between the unions and the Labour Party," a senior Tory source said. "It is meaningless to talk about 25 per cent. Tory MPs have come out and followed the new rules — why don't Labour do the same?"

Jack Cunningham, Shadow National Heritage Secretary, is the Labour frontbencher receiving the most from consultancies. He receives up to a total of £30,000 as an adviser to Albright and Wilson (UK) Ltd, Hays Chemicals, and Centurion Press Ltd. Doug Henderson, a home affairs spokesman, gains up to £10,000 as a consultant to the Machine Tools Technologies Association and up to £20,000 in research support from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd.

Hundreds receive cash for questions

RESEARCH FEES

BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the easiest ways MPs earn extra money is by filling in questionnaires for market researchers.

The register this year reveals for the first time that at least 250 MPs, of all parties, are members of Harris Parliamentary Panel and the Business Planning and Research International. Last year the organisations barely featured in the register.

All the MPs cite the same annual fee range of £1 to £1,000. Neither Harris nor BPRI, despite the new era of openess about MPs pay in relation to their parliamentary work, would confirm the exact sums involved. But they both confirmed that none of them had been paid the £1 at the lower end of the scale.

Michael Morris, the Deputy Speaker, Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse and Dame Janet Fookes, other deputy speakers, all receive income from various parliamentary panels.

Membership of the organisations does not require much of the MPs' time. They are sent questionnaires, up to eight times a year, with up to 30 questions. The answers are sent to clients of the market research companies who range from blue-chip companies to local authorities.

A spokeswoman for BPRI said: "It's not a lot of work and they don't get paid much. It is not as much as £1,000. Any MP who is not a minister can become a member of the panel. Harris pay more than us."

David Towling, a spokesman for Harris, said: "We are not at liberty to reveal the figure. It is commercially confidential. It is true that none were paid £1."

IN PARLIAMENT

Yesterday in the Commons: questions to defence ministers and the Prime Minister; Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill, second reading; backbench debate on hospital and dental services in Southampton and southwest Hampshire. In the Lords' Defamation Bill, third reading; London Regional Transport Bill, second reading; Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill, third reading.
Today in the Commons: backbench debates; Foreign Office questions; Labour debate on the prospects for water supplies this summer, and on the fire service. In the Lords: regulation of UK business; effects of rail privatisation; Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, second reading.

Mellor and Heath top list of non-disclosers

BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EX-MINISTERS

THE Tory MPs who have refused to disclose their earnings are among the most senior at Westminster. They include Sir Edward Heath and David Mellor, who have some of the most lucrative consultancies. Kenneth Baker, the former party chairman, has also failed to conform with the new spirit of openness heralded by the Nolan report.

Mr Mellor, the former Heritage Secretary, lists ten consultancies, which earn him a reputed £300,000. He states in his entry that he is is an adviser to a number of companies involved in exports, primarily to the Middle East, such as Short Brothers, British Aerospace and Vosper Thorneycroft. "In relation to all the other companies, I am engaged in business development unrelated to my position as an MP," he wrote. Mr Mellor advises two Middle East media organisations.

He does not list his salary as host of a BBC 5 Live football talk show on Saturday evenings. Critics pointed out that Roy Hattersley, by contrast, listed his payments as a national newspaper columnist.



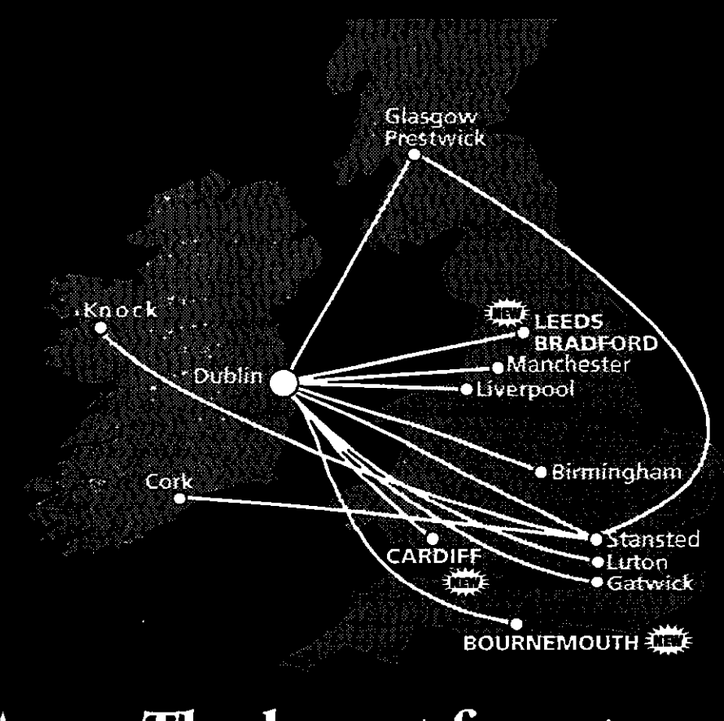
Mellor: names ten consultancies

Kenneth Baker, who was Minister of State for Trade Industry and Technology, lists six directorships. Three are for companies involved in cable and telecommunications. He fails to declare income from two advisory posts in the cable sector and from his work as a writer and broadcaster.

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, who has seven directorships, does not disclose his earnings from three consultancies or his media fees. John Patten, the former Education Secretary, has not disclosed his income from two consultancies.

Sir Edward Heath made clear when the new rules were established that he had no intention of declaring any income he derived as a result of being a former Prime Minister. He lists the chairmanship of Dumpton Gap Company, which he set up in 1976 as a channel for his activities.

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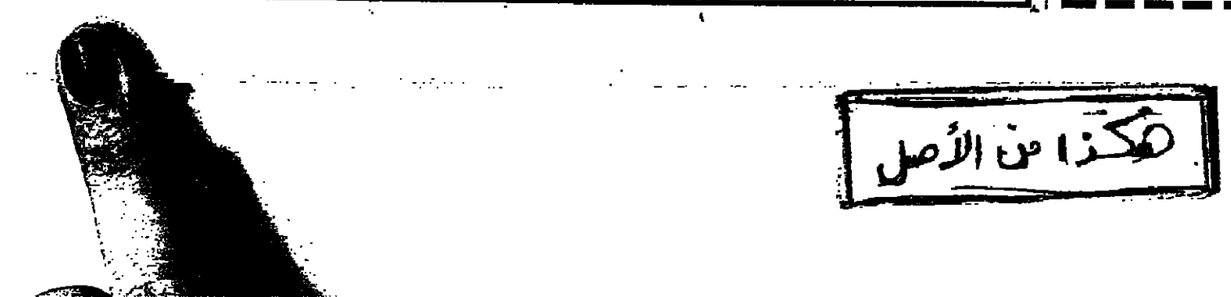
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Labour intends to cut spending on welfare benefits

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has declared an ambition to spend less than the Tories on welfare by ensuring that claimants move off benefit and into work.

In what will be seen as another reversal in traditional Labour strategy, Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, said yesterday that it was "absurd" to regard extra spending on welfare as a success.

Labour fought the last general election promising big hikes in spending on state pensions and child benefit funded by tax increases. But Mr Smith made clear that those expecting more of the same in the next manifesto would be disappointed. "To regard the amount we spend as the badge of virtue is absurd," he said.

In the next few weeks Mr Smith is expected to announce new policies on welfare, concentrating on single mothers and young people, state pensions and child support. Yesterday he declined to give any details and skirted round Gordon Brown's controversial policy to scrap child benefit for 16 to 19-year-olds, which is still under negotiation.

However, in a speech on Labour's social security reforms, Mr Smith said: "I despair of those who argue that it is somehow a cause of the Left in politics to spend more on social security and social support. It isn't a mark of progressive success if you are spending more and more on a benefit system. If that were the case, then Peter Lilley would be earning full marks in the pantheon of socialist heroes.

"It is a mark of success if you can help people to move off benefit and into work. It is progress if we can end up, as a result, spending less on social security."

Mr Smith argued that under the Tories the social security budget had grown by a third to £90 billion. He criticised Mr Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, saying that his "salami-slicing" approach to reducing benefit spending had resulted every year in overspending at the Social Security Department.

"They have ended up with a real double whammy for the people of Britain: a social security system that grows more brutal year by year, increasingly degrading for those dependent on it; and a system that has simultaneously become far more expensive for the taxpayers of the country as a whole."

But in a move that will please leftwingers, Mr Smith also promised that a Labour government would try to find a clear, measurable definition of poverty. "I grieve at the way in which poverty has tended to be written out of the Government's political script in recent years. We have to write it back in again."

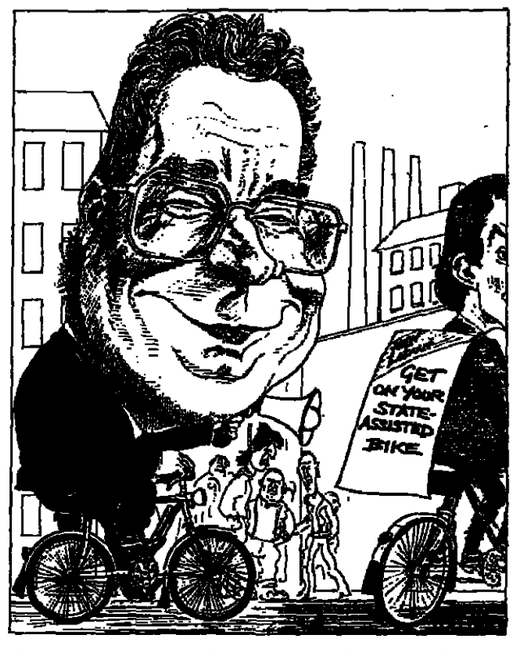
He said that under the Tories the poorest tenth of the population had seen its real income fall by 17 per cent while that of the richest tenth had risen by 61 per cent.

Mr Smith, a key moderniser in the Shadow Cabinet, made clear that Labour would expect the private sector to contribute in some areas of welfare support. He suggested there would be an overhaul of the state pension system, with the private sector working alongside the public sector.

It is understood that he has dropped the idea of a minimum guaranteed pension for poorer pensioners, but that he favours a second pension based on compulsory contributions that could be topped up.

He said: "Surely it is time to get away from the sterile battle lines of public and private and instead to look at how the two can best work together in the interests of the citizen — and in the interests of all citizens, at that."

He also hinted at changes to the housing benefit system as part of a drive to reduce means testing, which often deterred people from seeking work. One option is to reduce the level at which housing benefit is deducted from claimants as soon as they start work, from 65 per cent to 50 per cent.



Smith must follow in Brown's cautious tracks

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown believe that the key test for any Labour government will be how far it modernises the welfare state. That is why the current dispute over child benefit matters and why Mr Brown's view should, and almost certainly will, prevail.

Welfare reform is one of the trickiest issues for any party. Even slowing the growth of social security spending is very hard, as Peter Lilley can readily testify. Labour is torn between its heart and its head — between its longstanding concern with poverty and equality, and its acceptance of the need to break welfare dependency and to control social spending. Any change is likely to involve curbs on entitlements and therefore to be resisted by interest groups within the party.

Chris Smith's statement of Labour's principles yesterday was a careful balancing act, long on good intentions but short on specific proposals which are promised for the next few weeks. Mr Smith offers a persuasive analysis of why social security spending has risen so sharply: higher unemployment and the many disincentives against moving into work, plus the shift of housing subsidies from property to people. Mr Smith condemns the Tories' salami-slicing tactics of "attacking one group in society after another, reducing one benefit after another". Many of the claimed savings are, he says, elusive since they shift spending from one benefit to another.

Instead, Mr Smith argues that "a sensible government would be seeking to attack the root causes of rising expenditure" by helping as many people as possible to come off benefits altogether by getting back into work. A shift to a more active role for welfare spending — a benefit-to-work strategy — from the past, largely passive structure is desirable, as Frank Field discusses on page 18. Indeed, the Government has started to move in that direction, though with more stick than carrot than Labour favours.

Overall, Mr Smith argues that "it isn't a mark of progressive success if you are spending more and more on a benefit system. It is a mark of success if you can help people to move off benefit and into work. It is progress if we can end up as a result spending less on social security." That sounds fine in theory, but Labour needs to be much more specific, not least about tackling fraud.

Labour's case would be more convincing if it had not opposed almost all the Tories' measures to curb social security spending and presented itself as the defender of existing social entitlements. That is why Mr Brown's proposal to end child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds is so symbolically important. He suggests using the £700 million savings for a new system of grants to help children of poorer parents remain in education. There are differing views on its merits, although some of the Labour criticisms are motivated by dislike of Mr Brown's style and the way the plan was oversold by his office before decisions have been taken.

But Mr Brown is right on the substance: "tough choices" cannot be avoided. If Labour's welfare plans are to be credible the party has to identify specific savings. Some current beneficiaries have to lose. There is no painless way to increase spending on favoured projects: either other programmes have to be cut or taxes will have to rise. Mr Smith needs to be equally hard-edged in his later, more specific proposals.

PETER RIDDELL

Insurance plans will help elderly to protect assets

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THREE new ways for people to protect their homes from being sold to pay for care in their old age were suggested by the Government yesterday.

All involve individuals buying financial packages to cover nursing or residential home fees, which can cost £20,000 a year. In return, the Government will allow people to keep more of their assets to be passed to their children.

It could cost £18,500 to protect an £80,000 house. With only one in five needing care, people can still choose not to make special provision for their old age and take the risk of losing their assets.

The consultation paper, *A New Partnership for Care in Old Age*, offers alternatives to the present means test which requires those who can afford it to pay for their care. People with only £10,000 in assets now have to make a contribution and those with £16,000 must pay in full, usually between £12,000 and £21,500.

Only when their savings and capital have been whittled down to the limit will the State pay the costs. The retired will be encouraged to buy indemnity insurance. The Government could provide an incentive by disregarding £1.50 of capital for every £1 of insurance cover bought. To protect a house worth £60,000 and savings of £10,000, a policy with a monthly premium of £50 would be required.

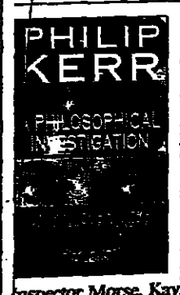
People already in care or about to need it, including the seriously disabled and those with dementia, will be urged to buy an annuity, paying a fixed sum for the rest of their expected life span. They too could be rewarded by being allowed to keep more capital.

This second scheme would be expensive: an 80-year-old woman protecting a £65,000 house and £20,000 savings would pay £18,500 for her annuity. The third option is to encourage younger workers to buy flexible pensions, offering lower sums immediately after retirement and more later when people need extra care.

The Government accepts its ideas would cost the taxpayer more. It warns people planning to offload their assets before going into care that it is studying ways to detect evasion of care charges.

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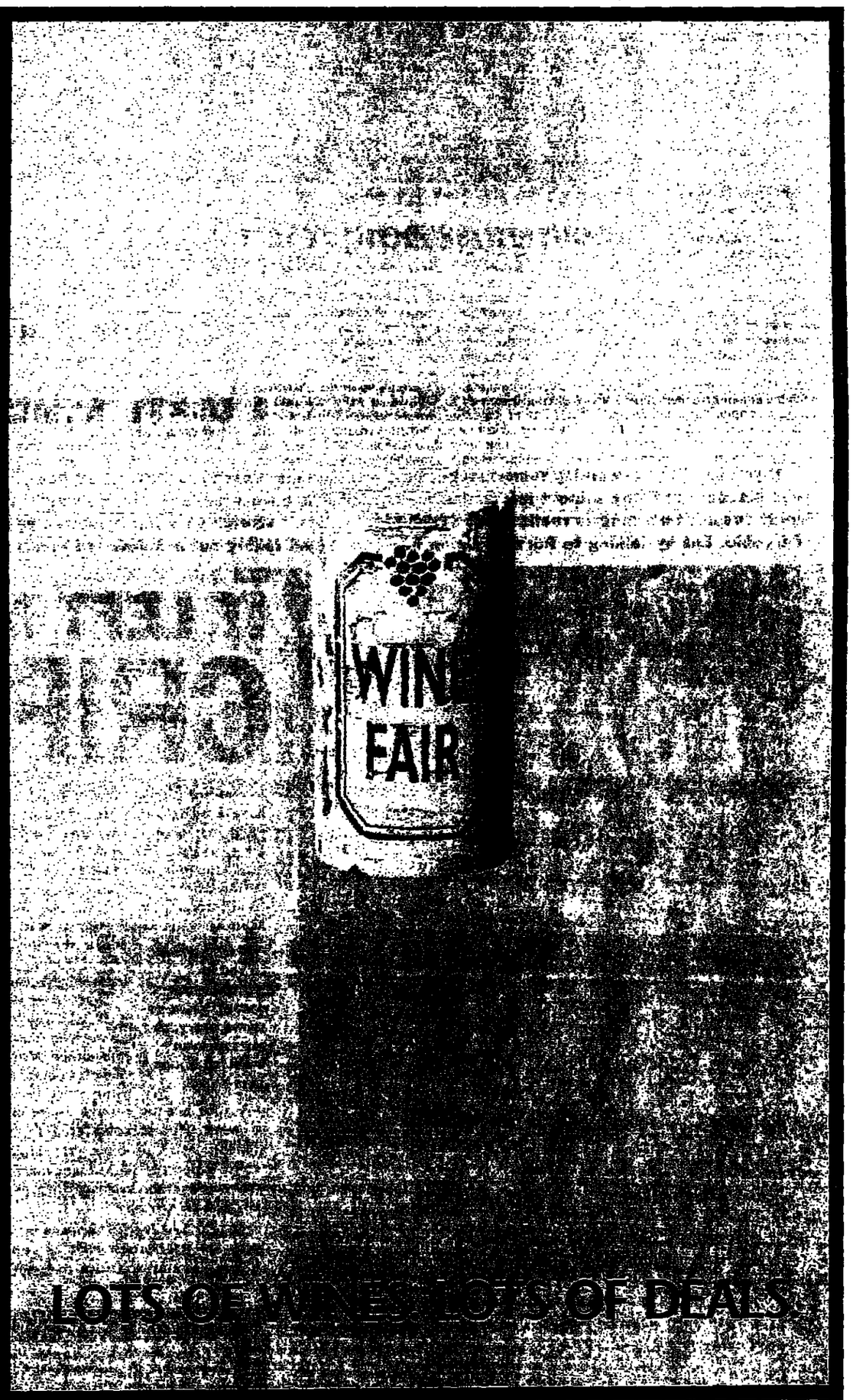
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Pioneer Packard leaves $7bn of computer fortune to charity

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A RECLUSIVE, penny-conscious computer pioneer who died in March left more than $7 billion to charity, creating America's richest private foundation.

David Packard, a shy electronics engineer who co-founded the Hewlett-Packard company in a garage in 1938, died at the age of 83. Having earlier provided amply for his four children, he left 46 million Hewlett-Packard shares in his will to a charity he started with his late wife. The shares, along with others given by Packard, are worth $7.2 billion (£4.8 billion), and rising.

The bequest catapults the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to the top of the charity league, alongside the Ford and Kellogg Foundations and the J. Paul Getty Trust. It marks the modest Packard as perhaps the greatest philanthropist of all time, and will ensure that a man who hated boasting will become more celebrated in death than he was in the course of his industrious, low-profile life.

Such is the size of the Packard donation that the foundation has no idea how to spend its riches.

Months of talks will be held to consider the directions in which the foundation's munificence should extend. The charity will be supervised by Packard's four children, Nancy, Julie, David and Susan, who themselves own enough Hewlett-Packard stock to see them through their lives in comfort.

The children suddenly find themselves in a lottery-board-style position of dispensing huge sums of money. Their own interests range from the theatre to marine biology, but the charity's likely areas of work will be concerned with global population, environmental protection and science education.

Packard once declared that "you shouldn't gloat about anything you've done; you ought to keep going and try to find something better to do." When his company was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1961, he and his partner, William Hewlett, travelled down to Wall Street, at Packard's insistence, on the Subway.

They lost their way and arrived late to witness their big day at the exchange — but at least they saved the cost of a taxi.

The Palo Alto garage in which the two men started their electronics company with $538 became known as the birthplace of California's Silicon Valley, now home to the many computer companies.

Hewlett-Packard became the second biggest computer company after IBM, with 1995 revenues of $31 billion. At the behest of its co-founders it made large charitable contributions to its neighbour, Stanford University.

Packard helped the careers of senior executives at Apple and Microsoft, among other leading computer companies, and charitable organisations will hope that his largesse sets an example to Silicon Valley's countless millionaires.

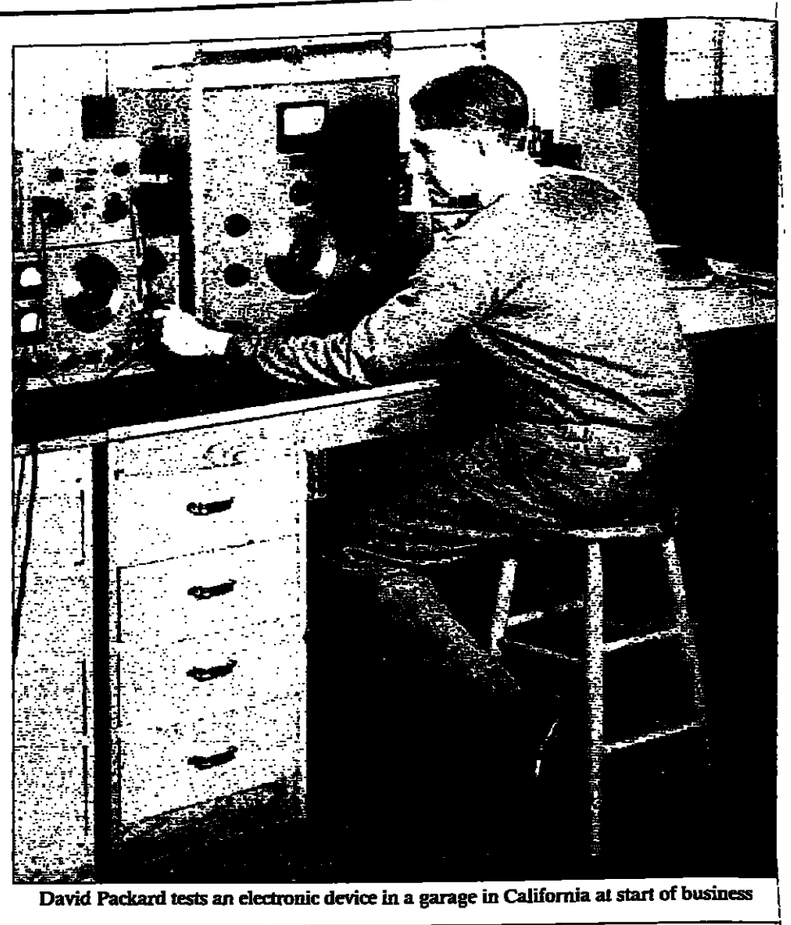
Some other foundations have seen battles between family members, but the Packard children follow their father's non-flamboyant habits. Julie Packard said that over-population would be a focus for the newly-rich foundation.

The Packard millions are unusually plentiful. An increasing number of rich men's children will probably be in a similar position in the next 15 to 20 years as the American technology boom's successful pioneers die and seek, in their wills, to perpetuate their names for posterity.

Daniel Borochoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, said last night: "As the baby boom generation ages, there will be an incredible inter-generational transfer of wealth. We hope to see more donations like this."

TOP TEN CHARITY FOUNDATIONS

America	£m	Britain	£m
D & L Packard Foundation	4,800	Wellcome Trust	6,983
The Ford Foundation	4,400	Church Commissioners for England	2,381
W K Kellogg Foundation	4,020	Weston (Garfield) Foundation	1,314
J Paul Getty Trust	4,000	Leverhulme Trust	524
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	2,530	Gatsby Charitable Foundation	499
The Pew Charitable Trusts	2,200	Wolfson Foundation	473
Lilly Endowment Inc	2,070	British Museum	412
J D & C T MacArthur Foundation	1,930	Smith's (Henry)(Kensington Estate)	401
The Rockefeller Foundation	1,570	National Trust	395
Andrew W Mellon Foundation	1,460	Bridge House Estates	362



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Clinton stubs out liberal image for role of moraliser

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON



Clinton: partial to an occasional good cigar

PRESIDENT Clinton travelled to a New Jersey high school yesterday to mark "Kick Butts Day" with a speech discouraging teenage smoking.

The President did not let his own weakness for an occasional cigar inhibit him. Yesterday's made-for-television appearance was part of a highly disciplined election-year drive to present himself as the champion of conservative "family values". Scorched by the failures of his first two years in office, Mr Clinton has abandoned his role as America's top policy expert for that of national preacher, and he plays it like a master.

Mr Clinton never now talks about homosexuals in the military or the need for greater racial and sexual diversity in government. He has urged a return to school uniforms to encourage discipline, and announced moves denying welfare benefits to teenage mothers who leave school or refuse to live at home.

To discourage abortion and "strengthen American families" he has backed a $5,000 (£3,300) annual tax break for parents of adopted children. He has unveiled a new, but largely cosmetic, drugs strategy and appointed a Pentagon general as the White House "drugs tsar".

Once dazzled by Hollywood, he now deplores its output of sex and violence and has persuaded studio executives to support "V-chips" in televisions so that parents can block programmes unsuitable for children. New proposals have been put forward to limit welfare and "affirmative action" programmes designed to help minorities. Mr Clinton's 1992 campaign slogan was: "It's the economy, stupid". This year's seems to be "It's values, stupid", and it is driven by his advisers' belief that the United States remains in a deeply conservative mood despite the unpopularity of the "Republican revolution".

The strategy is driving the Republicans to distraction. Mr Clinton is not only stealing their trump cards but defying their best efforts to label him a liberal.

"Talk Right, run Left. That's Bill Clinton's record," Mr Dole complained last weekend. The President "talked conservatively while walking knee-deep in the swamps of liberalism. He will look you in the eye and tell you exactly what you want to hear."

☐ **Petrol plea:** Mr Dole was asking the Senate last night to repeal Mr Clinton's 1993 petrol tax increase of 4.3 cents a gallon to offset rising oil prices. The Senate was expected to agree. The Republicans did not say how they would recoup lost revenues at a time when they are seeking to balance the federal budget.

Fraud suit for Queen of Mean

BY QUENTIN LETTS

LEONA HELMSLEY, the mascara-laden Manhattan millionaire who was once jailed for tax evasion, faces fresh legal difficulties after being sued by her husband's two oldest business allies.

She is accused of siphoning off $40 million (£27 million) of company money, of charging a $1 million private jet to expenses and, generally, of behaving in a disagreeable, didactic, characteristic fashion. The "Queen of Mean", as Mrs Helmsley became known during the 1989 trial that led to her 21-month prison sentence, has a new nickname: "Lootin' Leona". She denies any wrongdoing.

The charges have been made by Alvin Schwartz, 84, and Irving Schneider, 76, who built America's most formidable commercial property company with Harry Helmsley.

Messrs Schwartz and Schneider had an option to buy the Helmsley-Spear company in the case of Mr Helmsley's death, and were assured lucrative positions for life. But that was before Harry started to lose his senses and his spouse sought to take control of the business.

Baywatch bimbo flops at box office

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE star of the *Baywatch* television series and walking advertisement for surgical implants, Pamela Anderson, has proved a box-office flop in her feature film debut.

Barb Wire, set in 2017 with a plot loosely based on *Casablanca*, took in a paltry $1.8 million (£1.2 million) in its first weekend despite opening in nearly 1,500 cinemas after months of steamy publicity. After three days it ranked twelfth in the US charts.

As a lifeguard in *Baywatch*, she is among the world's most popular television stars, watched by about two billion people a week in 140 countries. But her failure to light up the big screen reflects the fact that *Baywatch* is less popular in America than abroad.

In the film, Anderson plays the eponymous Barb, a night-club owner and bounty hunter in Steel Harbor, the last free city in an America torn by civil war. In a striptease scene, the attempts of the leather-clad and stiletto-heeled star to tantalise won less than unanimous acclaim.

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Clamour to preserve Afrikaner schools boosts support for all-white state

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICA'S deadlocked constitutional negotiations over the future of Afrikaans-only schools has sparked a crisis among the once-dominant Afrikaners.

According to a recent poll, a clear majority of Afrikaners (and half the English-speaking whites) in the Pretoria region favour the establishment of a separate "volkstaat", or homeland. Even among liberal Afrikaners, who customarily have ridiculed the notion of such a volkstaat, one can now hear earnest, troubled discussion about whether it might be necessary. This change of mood is not a reaction against the loss of Afrikaner power, which has been accepted with a grace and even a deference to the new authorities that has surprised many. It has a little more to do with economics: unemployment among white people has risen from almost zero to 10 per cent, and there is no dole.

Afrikaners, who still include a disproportionate number of poor whites, are the worst affected, as can be seen in the sad and ravaged faces of the white beggars who throng outside most shopping malls. Until recently, Afrikaners believed that their sacrifices were buying the survival of their language and culture and thus their own survival as a distinctive group within South Africa.

That is what they thought F. W. de Klerk had brought them by his peaceful surrender of power, but increasingly one can hear the same bitter accusations of betrayal hurled at him as one can hear in Russia against Mikhail Gorbachev.

The heart of the matter was laid bare just before Easter when the representatives of 21 Afrikaner cultural organisations went in solemn delegation to President Mandela to demand the retention of single-medium Afrikaans schools and universities.

After all, they pointed out, more South Africans have Afrikaans as their first language than any other tongues except Zulu and Xhosa. All they wanted, they said, was what has come to be regarded as a normal minority right around the world: that is, the same sort of treatment as is accorded to, say, French Canadians.

Mr Mandela, like the rest of the African National Congress, is caught between two stools on this issue. For the fact is that most formerly white schools and universities are Afrikaans-speaking and, because these institutions are far superior to their all-black equivalents, there is naturally enormous pressure for black entry to them, and such blacks prefer to speak languages other than Afrikaans.

So the Government talks of forcing such institutions to be bilingual, which Afrikaners see as a one-way street to the ultimate supremacy of English, as well as a degradation of standards as schools are overwhelmed by a huge inflow of young blacks.

Further, there are too many poor Afrikaners for the option of private schooling to be a viable option for more than a fifth of them. The situation is complicated by an anti-Afrikaans bias among many black activists, who clearly want to attack "the language of apartheid". Hence the downgrading of Afrikaans to just 4 per cent of television air time, the pressure to get rid of the springbok as the national sporting emblem, the attempt to do away with Afrikaans in the army and the insistence of student acitivists at Stellenbosch University that Afrikaans must go because otherwise the university will always be controlled by Afrikaners. Not surprisingly, Afrikaners feel besieged. Although few say so openly, their indignation is fuelled by the feeling that the one positive thing about apartheid was that it sought to respect and preserve the different African languages and cultures in the various black "homelands".

Mr de Klerk's National Party faces a dilemma: it wants, at almost any cost, to avoid the bruising, divisive and probably losing referendum that would follow failure to agree on a new constitution. But if Mr de Klerk fails to protect Afrikaans schools, he and his party will be rejected by a huge and wrathful majority of their volk.

German protesters wage battle to halt nuclear waste train

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THOUSANDS of German protesters yesterday launched a form of guerrilla warfare against a closely guarded freight train carrying tonnes of nuclear waste from France to its burial site in north Germany.

Railway lines are being sabotaged, signals blocked and explosives strapped to tracks to slow down the progress of the train which, flanked by riot police, is crawling across the country.

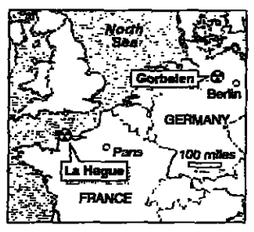
With the help of decoy tactics, the 28 containers — carrying about 35 tonnes of spent fuel — managed to evade French Greenpeace protesters who had ringed La Hague reprocessing plant in northwestern France on Monday.

The train is the first of up to 110 planned shipments of nuclear waste and fuel back to German reactors from the French reprocessing plant over the next eight years. It looks certain to be a difficult, even violent passage.

Since April 18 the police have reported over 90 separate incidents in the region of Dännenberg around Gorleben. Bomb and arson threats have been flooding in and are taken seriously by the police. Fifteen thousand police and frontier guards are on the alert along the entire railway line which stretches from Berg in the Rhineland-Palatinate through the state of Hesse to Gorleben.

Over the past few days, the Berlin-Hanover track has been blocked because of a bomb threat, and four explosive charges were found strapped to a track in Eastern Germany. A signal box has been set ablaze.

Early encounters yesterday were peaceful. A large picket of women blocked the entrance to a police barracks,



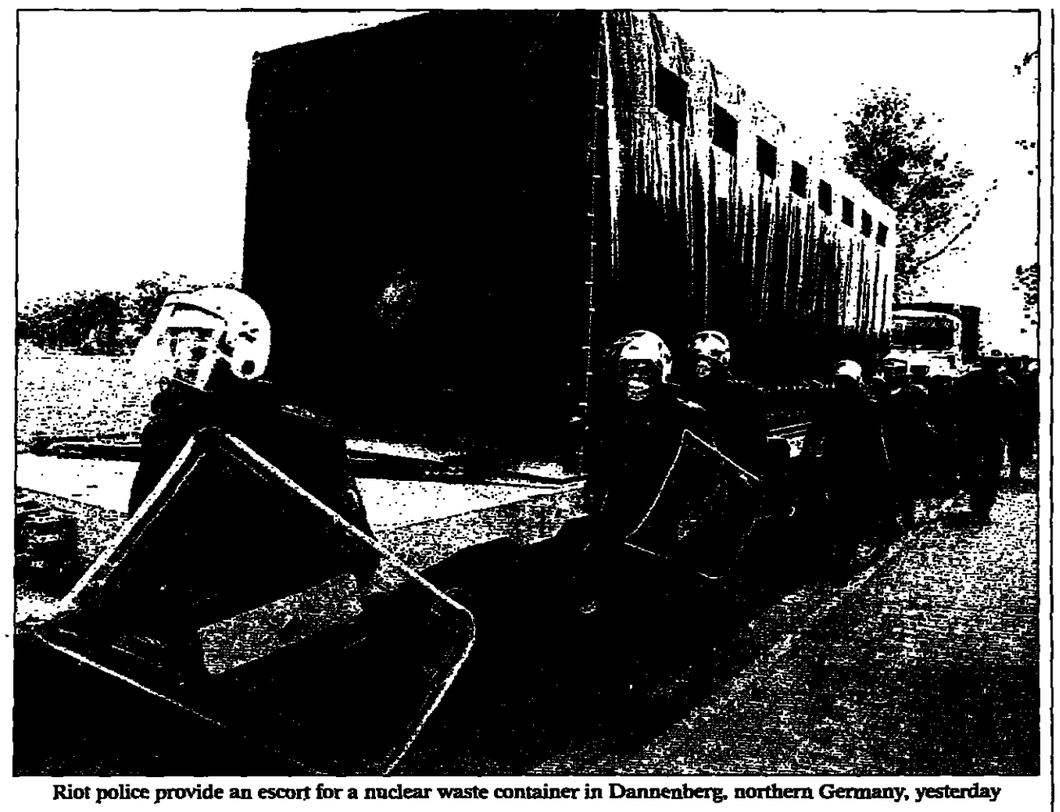
while schoolchildren lay in the road in front of a riot police headquarters.

But with a demonstration ban announced yesterday by the local authorities in Dannenberg, it seems that the confrontation will soon turn violent. The burial site was yesterday surrounded by barbed wire and cordons of heavily armed police who searched anyone entering the immediate area. Mounted police units and water cannons have been moved to the wooded, isolated village. The protests seem set to spread beyond the hard core of environmental activists. In Dannenberg, doctors, dentists, farmers and shopkeepers have announced that they will be stopping work today to express their anger about the delivery of the spent rods. Farmers are planning to use their tractors to block the access road from the railway station to the burial site.

The Gorleben site was initially intended to be a reprocessing plant for Germany's nuclear industry. But Green protests forced a change of plan and German waste is now taken to Sellafield in Cumbria or La Hague for reprocessing and, in the French case, the spent but still highly radioactive waste is sent back to Germany for deep burial in Gorleben.

The German Government termed this a provisional solution, needed in order to keep the country's nuclear programme on track. No new power station can be commissioned without firm contracts establishing how the waste will be disposed of.

Without Gorleben, Germany's 21 nuclear power stations would grind to a halt. It has become one of the country's least loved patches of woodland. From yesterday it was also one of the most secure, resembling a castle under siege.



Riot police provide an escort for a nuclear waste container in Dannenberg, northern Germany, yesterday

Russians fear disaster at reprocessing plant

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

YEVGENI DROZHKO, deputy head of Russia's vast secret nuclear reprocessing plant in Mayak, central Siberia, has given a warning that the accident-prone facility is so unstable that it could cause a huge nuclear disaster.

A government minister, Viktor Vladimirov, also admitted that the amount of radioactive waste dumped around the reprocessing plant was far higher than the radiation spewed out of Chernobyl during the disastrous explosion ten years ago.

Their warnings come two weeks after a nuclear summit in Moscow agreed that the West must take urgent measures to stabilise Russia's ageing nuclear installations.

Mayak is Russia's only nuclear reprocessing plant. It stores over 500,000 tonnes of solid nuclear waste, more than 523 million cubic yards of liquid nuclear waste, and handles waste generated by Russia's nuclear submarines.

Mr Vladimirov, the Deputy Emergency Situations Minister, said Mayak — once shrouded in secrecy — had suffered serious accidents.

The accidents — in 1949, 1957 and 1967 — were hushed up. Western environmentalists who have visited Mayak have called it a "clockwork bomb". Some 10,000 families evacuated from contaminated areas are living in makeshift houses put up 30 years ago.

☐ *Moscow*: A Russian nuclear scientist trying to smuggle abroad fissionable material has been detained, authorities said yesterday (Thomas de Waal writes). The unnamed scientist was detained in the west Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk. Tass said he had 2.2lb of high-grade material; this suggests it was weapons-grade plutonium.

Political parrots hawk India slogans

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S strangest general election, conducted with parrots and an uncommon lack of violence, effectively ended last night. The outcome will be chaotic, with no party able to claim a parliamentary majority. The shape of the next Government will be decided over the coming days in smoky backrooms.

The electorate has never seen its politicians so well behaved. The Janata Dal (People's Party), looking for cheap ways of campaigning because of new spending limits, released parrots trained to chant political slogans.

The wheeling and dealing to form the first national coalition will doubtless involve bribing MPs for their support, as the Congress Party did when it fell narrowly short of a majority in the 1991 election. The new Government may be unstable and short-lived. The muddled result marks the end of the Congress Party's towering dominance of politics since independence in 1947.

The detailed result will be known by Friday, and Congress is likely to be in the strongest position to head a coalition with parties from the so-called Third Force, an alliance formed by the National Front and Left Front combines. Congress's main rival, the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party, is short of potential parliamentary allies because of its extremist anti-Muslim tendencies.

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Campaign of murder, torture and sexual violence laid before international court

Café owner 'was zealous tool of the Bosnian Serbs'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN THE HAGUE

THE first international court to sit in judgment on war crimes since the Second World War opened yesterday with the trial of Dusan Tadic, a café owner accused of horrific crimes against humanity during genocidal Serbian "ethnic cleansing" in 1992.

Laying out his case before the panel of three judges presided over by Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, an American, Grant Niemann, for the prosecution, accused Mr Tadic, 39, of subjecting the Muslim inhabitants of Prijedor in northwest Bosnia to a campaign of murder, torture and sexual and psychological violence.

The accused man, who says he is a victim of mistaken identity, sat impassively in the dock throughout yesterday's proceedings, clad in a dark suit and sombre tie. Mr Tadic's pallid face seldom seemed to register the historic importance of the occasion as he listened through earphones to a translator relaying two very different portraits of his personality and recent past: the brutal ethnic killer or the innocent victim of a worldwide hunger for justice.

A Serb from the small and predominantly Muslim town of Kozarac, Mr Tadic became a zealous tool of the Bosnian Serb authorities, the prosecution said, drawing up lists of his former neighbours for "especially brutal treatment" and making almost daily trips to nearby concentration camps between May and December 1992. There he is alleged to have indulged in an orgy of sadistic violence against the civilian inmates.

The "unspeakable horror" of acts committed in Bosnia in the name of ethnic purity "strains the most agile human reasoning", Mr Niemann, an Australian former public prosecutor, said. "Tadic was allowed to come and go" in the prison camps, beating, brutalising and killing at will. Mr Tadic is charged specifically with three murders and with participating in the killing of an unspecified number of other people.

POLL BOOST FOR KEY SUSPECTS

Sarajevo: Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, the army leader, are more popular with their people now than last year, according to a poll commissioned by the US Information Agency. Both have been indicted for war crimes and banned from office under the Dayton peace accord. *(Reuter)*

The prosecution said that in one incident Mr Tadic and others forced a prisoner to bite off the testicle of another Muslim, who subsequently died. It was also claimed that other victims were forced "to drink water like animals from puddles".

Mr Tadic was said to have let off a fire extinguisher in the mouth of an inmate already battered unconscious during one of the routine beatings administered using "wooden batons, metal rods and tools, lengths of thick industrial cable that had metal balls fixed to the end, rifle butts and knives". Rape charges were dropped by the prosecution after the alleged victim was reported to have said that she feared for her safety and her family's if she gave evidence.



Kirk McDonald: the US presiding trial judge

The defence said that its case had been undermined by lack of co-operation from the Bosnian Serb authorities and the refusal of frightened witnesses to come forward.

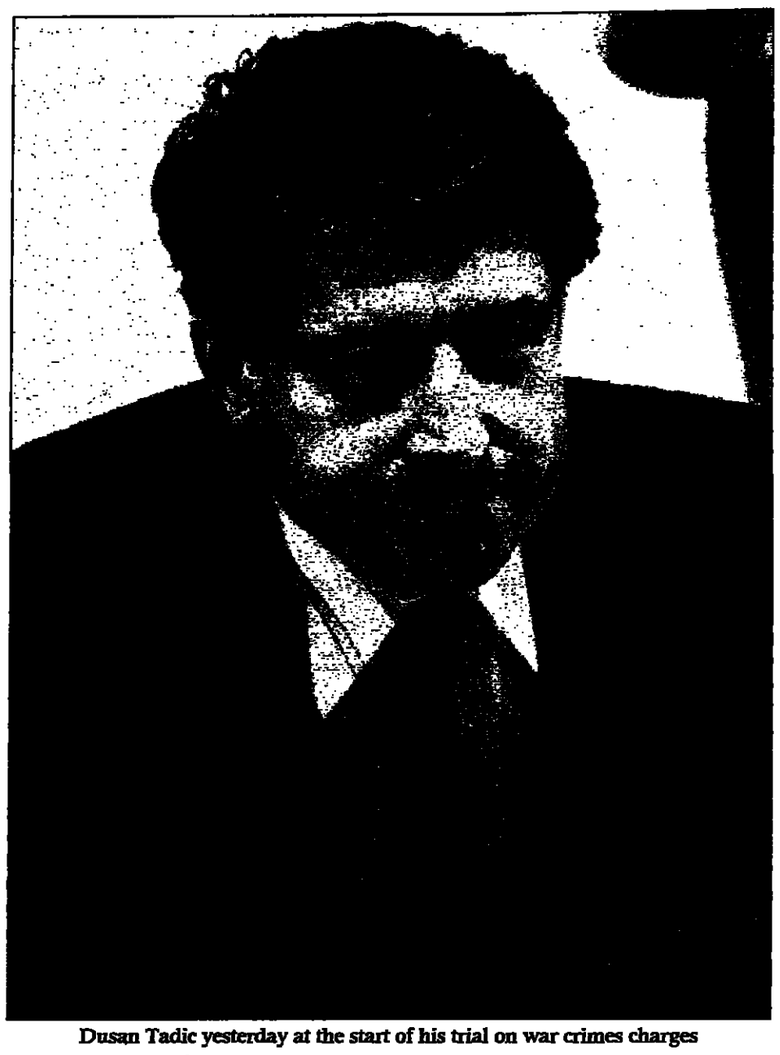
The son of a decorated Serbian Second World War ex-serviceman, Mr Tadic was a failed artist whose views embraced extreme nationalism as his country was engulfed by ethnic hatred. He was a small fish, holding no official status in the Bosnian Serb army or administration.

The defence said that the accused man, so far from being an agent of genocide, was a traffic policeman, unsympathetic to Serb nationalism, who did his best to provide humanitarian aid for the refugees and had many Muslim friends before the bitter conflict.

Michail Wladimiroff, the lead defence lawyer, acknowledged the appalling crimes perpetrated in Bosnia, but he questioned whether Mr Tadic would get a fair trial in the circumstances.

"The tribunal must beware of a desire for revenge," Mr Wladimiroff said, describing the allegations of complicity with the Bosnian Serb army as a feeble smokescreen and saying that he would provide proof of Mr Tadic's innocent activities throughout the six months in question.

The evidence of prosecution witnesses is tainted because they have already discussed among themselves the atrocities allegedly committed by Mr Tadic, Mr Wladimiroff argued. "A composite story emerged. Rumour becomes truth ... it is not their suffering that is questioned but their reliability," he said. "The prejudice in this case cannot be underestimated."



Dusan Tadic yesterday at the start of his trial on war crimes charges

Hampered by lack of funds, personnel, documentary evidence and witnesses, yesterday's proceedings are far removed from the Nuremberg or Tokyo war crimes trials, where vast volumes of proof were assembled by an occupying force against the leaders of a defeated enemy.

Instead, the strategy of the prosecution is to show that Mr Tadic, however junior, was a representative cog in the "ethnic cleansing" machine. "This is not an isolated affair, but part of a co-ordinated strategy," Mr Niemann told the United Nations tribunal, adding that Mr Tadic's alleged crimes were committed in pursuance of the goals of the Serbian state. Mr Tadic's informal role in the atrocities gave him a special status above even that of a camp commander, Mr Niemann said.

The tribunal so far has indicted 57 people and Mr Tadic is one of only three accused men in custody. With Bosnian Serb leaders, including Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, indicted but still at large, the tribunal has little choice but to focus on lower-level people as representatives of crimes against humanity in Bosnia.

If the Nuremberg trial established the principle that obeying orders from above is no defence in such crimes, then the proceedings at The Hague, by building up from the bottom, represent a new approach: an attempt to implicate those responsible for the atrocities at the highest level from the actions of their underlings and so establish an international legal code to deal with such crimes.

Backing Mr Wladimiroff on the defence team is Steven Kay, who recently resigned as secretary of the Criminal Bar Association of England and Wales to take on the case.

Survivors deride defence claims

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SANSKI MOST

SEVERAL thousand Bosnian Muslims, expelled from northwestern Bosnia four years ago, were glued to their television screens in Sanski Most yesterday for the opening of Dusan Tadic's trial.

The bulk of the Muslims who were expelled from Prijedor and the surrounding area have resettled here. Yesterday they were sceptical of Mr Tadic's defence.

Survivors of Omarska, the camp at which Mr Tadic allegedly acted as an executioner, laughed when they heard that his defence was based on mistaken identity. Mr Tadic's lawyers claim that former inmates of Omarska have mistaken him for someone who looks similar. "It's absolutely ludicrous," said Nedzed Dergic, who was from Mr Tadic's home town of Kozarac. "We all knew each other. It was a small place and everybody saw Dusan."

Serb friends and family members portray Mr Tadic as a popular café owner whose best friends were Muslims. They say Mr Tadic was tormented by the existence of the camps and tried repeatedly to get his friends freed, including Emir Karabasic whom he is accused of killing.

However, Muslim refugees from Kozarac say that Mr Tadic was a thug. Emsud Kruic said: "Of all the four Tadic brothers, Dusan was always the worst."

They say he ran a local karate club but never amounted to much until he joined the Serb National Party in 1990. "At that point, he became the big Serb in town. It wasn't very hard because there were hardly any Serbs in Kozarac," Mr Tergic said.

Mr Tadic stopped socialising with Muslims, they say, and became resentful. The personal nature of his crimes represented "Dusan fighting his own private war".

"We can't understand how he could have hated so much after living with us for so many years," Mr Tergic said.

Iran weds 2,000 couples

Nicosia: More than 2,000 low-income couples were married across Iran yesterday in mass ceremonies organised by an Iranian charity, which also helped the newly-weds with interest-free loans and gifts of household appliances (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The number of Iranians marrying in recent years has declined and production-line weddings are seen as an inexpensive way to encourage young people to tie the knot. The fall has been attributed to rising unemployment and a deepening economic crisis. Officials have expressed concern that frustration could fuel social unrest.

Uganda steps up policing for poll

Kampala: Military police took up positions across the capital before the official end of a presidential election campaign haunted by Uganda's violent past. President Museveni, 52, is tipped by most analysts as likely to win tomorrow's election, in which the three candidates run only as individuals and party activity is banned. The result of the voting will be announced on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

Sex tourist jailed in Philippines

Olongapo: Victor Fitzgerald, 65, an Australian, was jailed for up to 17 years in The Philippines in the country's first paedophile conviction under a law aimed at curbing child abuse. He was convicted of sexually abusing a girl, 12, in 1993. Father Shay Cullen, a priest who runs a street children's home here, said the case would be "an example to foreign paedophiles not to touch Filipino children". *(AP)*

Turin stadium to be demolished

Rome: The Turin authorities are to demolish the city's football stadium, the "Stadium of the Alps", only six years after it was built for £25 million (Richard Owen writes). Spectators say they cannot see matches and Juventus, the leading Turin team, has refused to play there, threatening to transfer their games to Bologna.

Denktas heart monitor seized

Nicosia: The United Nations is to deliver a heart monitor for Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, after it was seized by Customs on the divided island. The monitor is said to have been held because it was addressed to the "President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus". *(AFP)*

Pie-eyed driver

Whangarei: A hungry woman who had too much to drink mistook a New Zealand police van for a meat pie wagon — when she drove up, a police breath test showed her well over the limit. *(AP)*

Rome Jews condemn ex-SS captain

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

IN the former Jewish Ghetto in Rome's old city, the kosher butchers carry posters with a single forceful message: Erich Priebke is guilty.

At the great synagogue on the Tiber embankment, tearful elderly Jewish women who were children during the Second World War have no doubt about Herr Priebke's role during the German occupation. One said: "He may be 83, but what he did cannot be forgotten, or forgiven."

Herr Priebke today appears before a military tribunal charged with war crimes — specifically, the killing of 335 men and boys in March 1944 at the Ardeatine Caves just outside Rome. The formal charge is "multiple murder aggravated by cruelty". The murders were a reprisal for the ambush of a Nazi patrol by Italian partisans on a Rome street, in which 33 German soldiers died.

Herbert Kappler, the then head of the Gestapo in Rome, ordered ten Italians shot for every dead German. An extra five were shot because of a miscount. Kappler's chief assistant was Herr Priebke, then a young SS captain. He was extradited last autumn from Argentina, where he had lived as a hotelier since escaping from a British PoW camp in Italy in 1948.

Most Italians would prefer to forget the Fascist era and argue that it was an aberration. They point out that Italy surrendered in 1943, and that it was during the subsequent German that the worst excesses were committed. However, Rome's 15,000-strong Jewish community sees things differently. Seventy-five of the Ardeatine Caves victims were Jewish, and the Gestapo deported 2,000 of Rome's Jews to Auschwitz, after pretending to offer them safety if they surrendered their valuables.

When the Chief Rabbi, Elio Toaff, himself 81, suggested last month that Herr Priebke might be sentenced to house arrest rather than prison in view of his age, he was forced to back down after furious protests by Jews. Persecution of the community did not begin with the Gestapo, they pointed out, but rather with the decision by Pope Paul IV in the sixteenth century to herd Jews into the Ghetto and make them wear yellow stars.

On the other hand, there were Catholic priests and Communists among the Ardeatine Caves victims. The war produced an active anti-Fascist resistance movement, which formed the basis of Italian left-wing politics after the war.

The prosecution will argue today that Herr Priebke joined the SS out of conviction, and that he took an active part in drawing up the reprisal lists.

Herr Priebke now claims that he is "sorry for what happened", and hopes the tribunal will accept that the massacre was a "legitimate reprisal" carried out on direct orders from Hitler.

"I've lived all this time with this weighing on my heart," he said recently. "It was a terrible thing, but there was nothing to be done about it."

Pope fêted by Warsaw

Rome: Nearly 18 years after he was elected leader of the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope was finally made an honorary citizen of the capital of his Polish homeland yesterday.

A group of officials from Warsaw bestowed the honour on the Pope, 75, at a ceremony at the Vatican. The pontiff, arguably the most famous living Pole, was born Karol Wojtyla on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, near Krakow.

"This gesture holds particular significance for the Polish Pope, who holds the story of your heroic city deep in his heart," he told the delegation.

The first non-Italian pontiff in some 450 years was elected in 1978. Historians say his influence was a key factor in the fall of Communism in Poland in 1989.

Aznar vows to reform intelligence services

FROM REUTER IN MADRID

SPAIN'S new conservative Prime Minister, José María Aznar, promised yesterday to reorganise Spain's intelligence services, plagued by scandals including a "dirty war" on Basque rebels and the bugging of King Juan Carlos's telephone.

"We will reform the Cesid," he told a radio interviewer, using the Spanish acronym for the country's principal intelligence service, which is run by the military.

Cesid has been criticised in recent months over a series of high-profile affairs, but was cleared by a judge in February of charges that it breached the law by tapping the mobile-phone conversations of prominent people, including King Juan Carlos. The service is also at the centre of a legal dispute over a series of papers said to have been the blueprint for a "dirty war" of bombings, kidnappings and murders of presumed members of Eta, the Basque separatist group, in which 27 people were killed from 1983 to 1987.

Three former Civil Guard generals were charged yesterday with involvement in the 1983 murder of an Eta member, state radio said.

The new government, anxious to put its stamp on the economy after 13 years of Socialist rule, also announced a first round of £1 billion spending cuts yesterday to get Spain ready for a European single currency.



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Spymasters select new targets after Cold War

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE agenda for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service operating in Moscow has changed dramatically over the past four decades. Yet there is as much thirst for information today as there was in the 1950s, when the greatest MI6 scoops included acquiring published railway timetables and street maps.

However, the focus has changed. There is no longer a desperate need to seek out covert defence equipment plans because Russia's military-industrial empire is a shadow of its former self.

Today MI6 is more likely to be interested in acquiring secret intelligence material which adds weight to political assessments made by the British Embassy diplomatic staff on key issues such as Russian foreign policy, arms sales and the state of the economy.

MI6's tasks in Moscow are set by the Cabinet Office Joint Intelligence Committee, represented by the heads of MI5, MI6, GCHQ — which is the Government's signals intelligence headquarters — the Defence Intelligence Staff, and officials from government departments, including the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The committee, now chaired by a former senior official from the Northern Ireland Office, lays detailed requirements and tasking on MI6 and GCHQ.

These requirements, a mixture of specific requests for secret intelligence from key government departments, are reviewed annually by the Cabinet Office Intelligence Co-ordinator, now a former senior director from MI5.

Category A intelligence — high priority information — covers such areas as terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The committee has assessed that Russia poses no direct military threat to Britain or Nato, but the Russians still have a formidable strategic capability and the largest conventional armed forces in Europe. A recent parliamentary report also said that Russian military equipment was being "aggressively marketed around the world".

The report by the Intelligence and Security Committee, which oversees MI6 and the other agencies, said: "Intelligence customers' needs are, therefore, set increasingly in the context of risks of instability and proliferation concerns."

The small MI6 contingent will also have the job of seeking out information that might give early warning of pending crises or sudden changes in policy. In the Cold War days, one task was to make accurate predictions of the state of health of the incumbent president during a period when the death of a Soviet leader was a matter of potential international alarm.

Although much of MI6's work will revolve around economic and foreign policy areas, there are also some key defence issues: the threat posed by organised smuggling of nuclear material; the controls over the huge arsenal of strategic missiles; the potential "export" of Russian nuclear scientists and engineers to countries such as Iran; the possibility of a continuing biological warfare programme in violation of an international convention: and Russia's military intentions towards its neighbours.

In London, MI6's Russian counterparts, the successors of the KGB and the military agency, the GRU, are likely to be less concerned with Britain's foreign policy than with the old Cold War-style tasks of acquiring intelligence on new weapons projects and advances in high-technology systems.

The greatest achievement for any secret intelligence service is to recruit and nurture an agent working for a sensitive organisation. The rising number of Russian intelligence officers who have been posted to Britain in recent years, either posing as diplomats at the embassy or as trade delegation officials, will undoubtedly be seeking to develop their own network of contacts and agents.

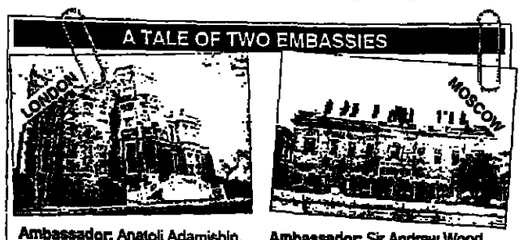
When the Soviet Union collapsed and the Cold War came to an end, the number of Russian intelligence officers from the old KGB reduced dramatically. But the GRU which has not been through the same reforming process as the KGB, stayed on in some force and continued its efforts to acquire Western technology.

These days, of course, they do not have the support of the former formidable intelligence agencies of East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Bulgaria to help them to spy in Britain. These former members of the Warsaw Pact now work with the West and the Russian spies are on their own.

However, the days of the ideological spy have gone. Michael Smith, the electronics engineer sentenced to 25 years in 1993 for spying for the Russians, was the most recent Briton to be caught working for Moscow. He spied for money.

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A TALE OF TWO EMBASSIES



Ambassador: Anatoli Adamishin, *appointed September 1994. Aged 56.* A former deputy Foreign Minister and ambassador in Rome until 1992; held special brief on Africa in 1980s including attempt to persuade Cuba to withdraw troops from Angola.

Number of diplomats accredited(1995): 45

Senior staff: Guerman Gventsadze, minister counsellor and deputy ambassador: a Georgian who was ambassador to Ireland in 1991; Ivan Zolotov, economic counsellor; Nikolai Trellatnikov, trade representative; Aleksandr Prosvirkin, Consul General; Lieutenant General Vyacheslav Pronin, defence attaché.

Intelligence targets: Nato and the state of the British armed forces; Anglo-American defence and intelligence co-operation; economic strategy; British interests in world trouble spots such as the *Middle East and the Balkans*; aviation and high tech industries; scientific research.

History of spying: Deeply involved in espionage during the Cold War, especially in Stalin's period; recruited and ran Soviet spies in Britain, including the Krogers; active in support of the British Communist Party and of communist trade union activities; main centre for Soviet intelligence in Western Europe until 1971 when 105 diplomats, journalists and trade representatives expelled; KGB station chief during Andropov's time was Oleg Gordievsky, since defected.

Ambassador: Sir Andrew Wood. *Aged 56. Appointed in 1995. Formerly Chief Clerk at Foreign Office, in charge of personnel. Previously served as ambassador to Belgrade.* Earlier posted to Washington and Moscow.

Number of diplomats accredited (1995): 80

Senior staff: Andrew Carter, *deputy head of mission charged with following Russian political developments,* former Russian teacher at Malborough. Martin Nicholson, minister, a career Russian expert from FCO research department. Air Commodore Phil Wilkinson, *defence and air attaché,* charged with building up relations with the Russian military. Charles Crawford, head of the political section, soon to be made ambassador to Sarajevo.

Intelligence targets: Penetrate the shadowy world of Kremlin politics, establish the centres of power in Russia today and monitor *President Yeltsin's state of health.* Assess the capability of Russia's armed forces. Prevent nuclear material from being stolen, smuggled and sold abroad.

History of spying: During the Cold War one of the key British spying missions in the world. In 1988 Sir Geoffrey Harrison retired as ambassador after being caught in a KGB "honey trap" with the embassy maid. Embassy staff routinely expelled in tit-for-tat rows in 1971, 1985 and 1989.

Single greatest espionage achievement: smuggling defecting KGB spy Oleg Gordievsky out of Moscow and across the border into Finland.



Sir Andrew Wood arrives by car at the Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow yesterday

Embassy lifts veil of secrecy

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RUSSIANS

THE Russian Embassy, a stone's throw from Kensington Palace, is a leaner, trimmer, more sophisticated mission now than it was a decade ago.

It no longer acts for any of the independent former Soviet republics and its diplomats deal with subjects that were of little concern to the Soviet Union, such as privatisation and economic co-operation. Yet intelligence-gathering remains an important function.

The embassy, once notoriously secretive, now functions more like any large London mission. There are regular receptions and press conferences. A press officer handles inquiries and Russian diplomats are in regular touch with Foreign Office officials. The embassy is strong on the economic side: it has been a liaison point for Britain's Know How Fund, has organised tours and conferences for Russian businessmen, and reports on British economic issues. Diplomats also cover areas such as Bosnia — where there has been close liaison since the emergence of the Contact Group — the Middle East, and British interests in Eastern Europe, especially the former Soviet republics.

Envoys maintain a stiff upper lip

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

BEHIND the wrought iron gates of the imposing riverside mansion, which houses the British Embassy in Moscow and Ambassador Sir Andrew Wood's residence, life continued almost as normal despite angry exchanges between London and Moscow.

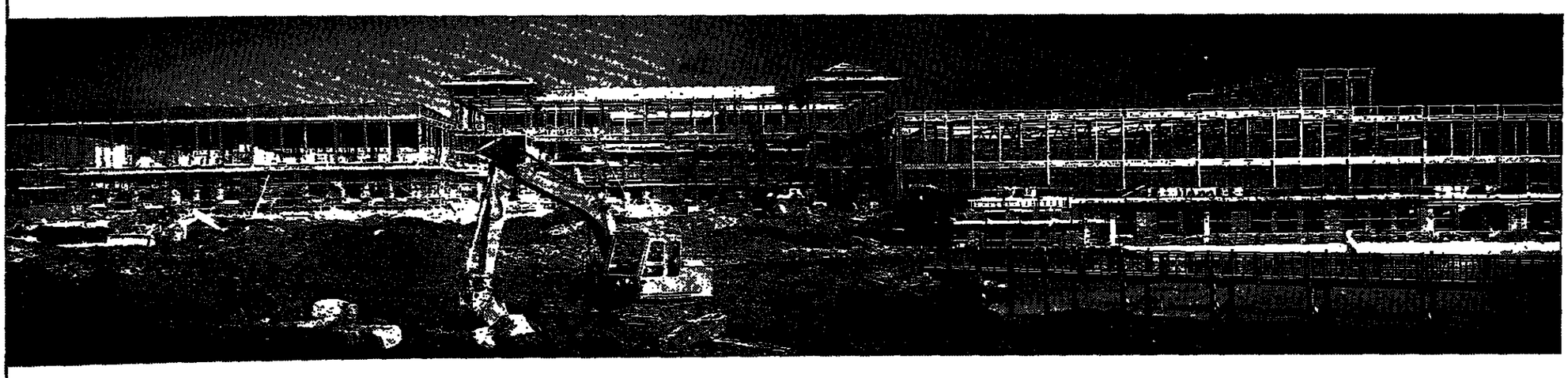
"Our contacts with the Russians have not been affected," James Paver, the embassy spokesman, said. Certainly for a team of senior diplomats and defence attachés, dealings with the Russians yesterday had never seemed better. They were guests of

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honour at a Russian military graduation ceremony near Moscow for a retraining scheme funded in part by the Defence Ministry in London.

Other members of the embassy staff also carried on apparently oblivious to the impending showdown. Consular officials processed the huge demand for Russians planning their summer holidays in Britain. The Know How Fund continued to dispense its multimillion-pound aid programme to Russia. Even the social secretaries busied themselves with organising invitations to next month's Queen's Birthday Party.

Nevertheless, behind the façade of normality some confessed that a siege mentality had begun to set in. "There are so many rumours flying around the embassy that it has become very distracting," said one member of the British diplomatic community, who asked not to be named. "The latest rumour is that they will only kick out good Russian speakers."



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The subtle scent of a woman

Chanel has dominated the perfume market for years. Now it is changing the rules with a new launch



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LETITIA HERRERA: 25, Mexican-Puerto Rican, born in Chicago and lives in New York. Photographs by HERB RITTS



DIANE HEIDKRUEGER
19, blonde, blue-eyed German, lives in Paris



LAETITIA CASTA
17, Corsican; started modelling at 15



IRENE PFEIFER
31, Austrian, lives in Vienna



MAK GILCHRIST
29, British, lives in New York, a model for 12 years





Previous Chanel "faces": teenage singer **VANESSA PARADIS** (left) and actress **CAROLE BOUQUET**

Ever since Marilyn Monroe said that the only thing she wore in bed was Chanel No 5, the fragrance has been one of the biggest-selling perfumes in the world. Five department stores in London — Dickens & Jones, Fenwicks, Harrods, Harvey Nichols and Selfridges — all list Chanel No 5 (which is 75 years old this year) among their top five best-sellers. Over the years it has had few serious rivals.

That may all change at the end of the month with the arrival of Allure, the first new fragrance to be launched in 11 years by the house of... Chanel. Just as designer Karl Lagerfeld, who has created the fashion look of Chanel since 1983, has, at times, turned the image of the grand couturier completely topsy-turvy, so Jacques Polge (the "nose" responsible for Allure) has rethought the composition of the



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perfume. It is accepted that a fragrance is made up of three parts — top notes (fresh), middle notes (fruity) and low notes (woody). As the perfume wears off throughout the day or evening, so each takes its turn teasing the nostrils.

Allure does not stick to this rule, but instead combines six elements which overlap and mingle. Each is given equal importance with no one note dominating. It is reminiscent of the powdery sweet smell which wafts through the salons at the couture shows, as the perfumes of some of the most stylish women in the world hang in the air. Sophisticated yet impossible to categorise.

Jacques Helleu, the creative director on the project, has broken the rules with his advertising campaign. Where previously a "face" was chosen to promote a specific fragrance, the new campaign for Allure features eight faces simultaneously. With the exception of cover girl Kirsty Hume the models, photographed by Herb Ritts above, are mostly unknown. A bold move considering the importance of the launch, but one which fits with the prevailing trend in fashion itself: a shift away from dogmatic design statements in favour of choice and personal taste.

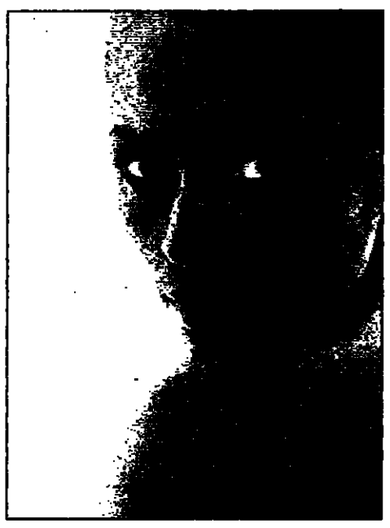
"With this campaign they are aiming at a broader spectrum of women and saying that this fragrance is not for the exclusive few," says Kim Stringer, the executive fashion and beauty director of *Elle* magazine.

Certainly the current trend in the fragrance market is to attract a younger audience with fresher, lighter perfumes which include vanilla in their make-up (this is part of the recipe of Allure). The massive success of Calvin Klein's CKOne unisex scent which was launched last year has provided the beauty business with a new focus — or rather, has prompted it to refocus.

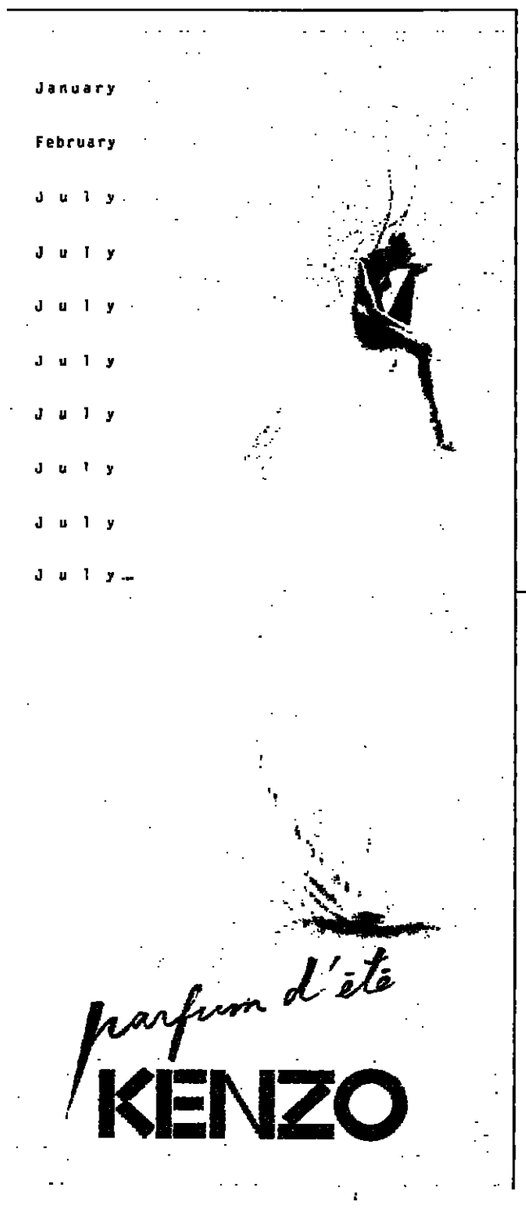
New designer fragrances being launched in America such as Curve by Liz Claiborne and America by Perry Ellis offer one scent for men and one for women in an attempt to relate to the under-thirties. Previously perfumes and aftershaves would have been marketed as either macho or sexy. However, a recent special report in *Women's Wear Daily*, the Seventh Avenue fashion industry newspaper, notes that "the so-called generation X — the target audience for many of the new brands — isn't as obsessed by conquest — sexual, business or otherwise — as previous generations were". Hence the subtle approach.

The message is as subtle as the scent itelf. With so many fragrances flooding the market, beauty companies can no longer assume that their glamorous image will be enough to persuade customers to purchase a zillion bottles of the smelly stuff.

From the differing looks of the women to the understated style of the photographs — matter-of-fact monochrome portraits — Allure aims to impose no image at all. We will have to wait to see if this understated approach is alluring enough.



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The final part of our series challenges both parents and teachers

why can't our children

READ?



TODAY

- At home and in class — how society can tackle the problem

What our schools must teach

READING STANDARDS

The headlines yesterday focused, inevitably and rightly, on the fact that significant numbers of inner-city children are leaving primary school with reading ages two or more years below their chronological age. The main reason for this is weak teaching.

Inspectors did, however, find good teaching in about a quarter of the lessons they observed. What was going on in these lessons? What is the secret of success in schools where children are making real progress in reading?

The answer is, I am afraid, banal. There is no magic elixir, no radical insight which would transform primary education. Children learn to read in schools where, first, the head teacher places a high emphasis on reading and regularly monitors the work of teachers, and second, the teachers are clear about what pupils need to know, understand and be able to do to become proficient readers.

> 'The truth about children's needs can trap parents'

But what do children need to be taught? The answer involves a truth which easily becomes a trap for unsuspecting parents trying to find out how a school teaches reading.

The truth is that there is no single method which should be taught. The evidence of inspection and the findings of research suggest that there never will be any simple, fail-safe approach which, if adopted in classrooms across the land, would result in all our children learning to read.

The trap is that this can be used to justify a mishmash of methods. No parent should, therefore, simply accept the statement that a school employs a "balanced approach" which integrates, say, the teaching of phonics with the use of "real books".

The question is, how does this integration work? Is there real understanding of how the different approaches must be used in a carefully structured fashion so that children make the best possible progress? Too often, the inspection evidence suggests that the reality of the teaching does not live up to the rhetoric.

It is absolutely clear that children must be taught the letter-sound system of English which is basic to learning how to read and write an alphabetic script. This is what is meant by phonics. In essence, an understanding of phonics means that pupils are able to recognise the 26 letters of the alphabet and are able to combine and recombine them into the sounds which make up the words used in the English language.

Phonics must, of course, be taught well. It should not involve children wasting hours colouring in objects beginning with a particular letter. It must be approached systematically, and the children should appreciate the usefulness of what they are learning.

It must be taught as part of a programme in which children master the conventions of print; in which they are encouraged to question, evaluate and respond in depth to what they read; and in which they experience an extensive range of literature that stimulates their imagination.

Good schools do all this. They use time to maximum effect by realising that there is much that can be taught to groups of children working together. They keep brief, useful diagnostic records of each child's progress. As their children become more proficient readers, they teach higher-order reading skills such as information-gathering.

A child who is not taught to read is denied access to all future education and training. Every primary school in the country should examine its approach to the teaching of reading in the light of the Ofsted report. Every parent needs to think once again about the progress their children are making in this most vital of all skills.

JIM ROSE

● *The author is Ofsted's Director of Inspection*

How we cheat children

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY



Nigella Lawson

One could almost begin to feel sorry for teachers. In all the agonised debate over children's reading problems, barely a column centimetre has been devoted to the parents' role. But how can this be a classroom issue alone?

Children do not go to school until they are five, by which time, with proper help from home, they could well have been reading for a while. This cannot be a negligible point (and I will return to it), though I can see that it should be discounted from the main channel of official discussion: after all, the purpose of state education is to make sure that children are not penalised for the lack of interest of their parents.

But still, that is not the real reason one feels only "almost" sorry for teachers. In smoke-acrid staffrooms in beleaguered inner cities, they might well be muttering that they are being made scapegoats — but not entirely with justification.

What we are hearing now is the loud flapping of hens coming home to roost. Of course there are good teachers but unfortunately most teachers are not good teachers (I remember the sort of people who stayed on after university to do teacher training and I shudder) and it would appear that it is this category which has controlled the educational debate over the past few decades.

These are the ones who have been convinced that articulacy is a middle-class imposition: that if children say "arks" instead of "ask", they shouldn't be corrected because to do so would be to impose our value system on to them and, indeed, that any formal instruction in reading and writing is nothing short of intellectual colonialism.

The worst part of this whole ideology — apart from the disastrous effect it has had on pupils — is the dishonesty of it all. Nearly all the teachers who poured scorn on strong educational values were themselves beneficiaries of the 1944 Education Act. They must have known that one is not shackling a child by teaching it to read, but liberating it.

As I said, it's not fair to blame teachers alone for children's alienation from the written word. There is just as much hypocrisy in the parents' camp. The sort who won't let their children eat sweets or chocolates, lecturing us all on such evils even as they gulp down their mug of instant coffee with two sugars, are much the same as those who never think to open a book themselves but who complain nevertheless about how badly their children are being taught to read at school.

Everything starts in the home, everything, and if parents show no interest in reading either with their children, or by themselves, they must not be surprised that their offspring are unenthusiastic themselves.

I think you have to work pretty hard to stop a child from wanting to learn how to read. I am constantly amazed at their natural inclination towards books. By the time they are one they are visibly attached to them, want to look at the pictures, want to be read to, want to *learn*.

This is not just a middle-class phenomenon: all children are programmed to learn, that is their survival mechanism. What does change, though, is how that need is met.

I don't mean here to condone the anxious, aspirational model of parenting.



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The ideal way to learn — but too often the family home today is dominated by television and children suffer

The talk of children developing at their own speed is not all phooey. Negligence might not be so great, but nor is too much pushing and shoving. Because so many middle-class parents feel guilty about not spending a great deal of time with their children, they believe that any time they do spend should be full-on.

Thus, the ideal parent is cast as some sort of children's television presenter, all bounce and zip and zest, oozing enthusiasm and activity. But children need a lot of silence and time sitting peacefully by themselves, too. They may want you there, and often they may want you to read to them and with them. Just as often, they want to sit and leaf through some books alone. Or nearly alone: you are required to be there but not to force your presence on them.

Few homes can provide that quiet time, simply because the television is on so much of the time. This affects everyone, not just children. There is scarcely any adult, however well educated, who doesn't confess to being too busy to read much — while still finding time to watch an hour of television at night.

Reading has become almost universally downgraded: people talk as if it needed discipline, as if it were an ordeal. Why, then, are we surprised if children think that reading is a "school thing", a duty to be avoided rather than a pleasure in which to wallow?

It is such a loss: there is no greater moment of liberation and joy for a child than that moment when she realises she has the power to exist in a private world of her own, to escape into it and to explore it. We all have a duty to our children not to deprive them of this.

Better teacher training improves reading skills

RAISING AWARENESS



Children should understand what they read

HAVE reading standards fallen since the late 1980s? Suffolk Education Authority is convinced that they have and that the fall coincided with the introduction of the national curriculum.

The reading tests carried out annually in all its primary schools showed a "systematic decline" for six and eight-year-olds by 1988. The authority was so concerned that in 1990 it instigated a review.

Dr Peter Daw, the authority's English adviser who co-ordinated the review, thinks the introduction of the national curriculum distracted teachers' attention from reading because they had to include more subjects. "But confusion about methodology also contributed. There was a lot of debate about different methods. Some teachers pursued one at the expense of others," he says.

"There is no single successful method. It is important that teachers are flexible and recognise individual differences in children, using a range of methods and strategies." The review emphasises the importance of children actually understanding what they read. "Phonic knowledge is a definite prerequisite," says Dr Daw. "While the children who had been taught by an almost exclusively phonic approach were over-dependent on sounding out words, those without any phonic understanding often had no strategy for tackling unfamiliar words, other than random guessing," says Dr Daw.

The authority started an 18-month training programme based on the results of the review.

In 1992, a second review of the same children showed that standards were improving, probably, says Dr Daw, "because people's awareness was raised, so teaching improved and so did the results."

The authority has continued to monitor reading in primary schools. A small survey of younger children in 1994 showed "a much better balance in early reading and reading methods".

In September 1996, the authority will launch its Reading Development Project, which it will fund jointly with the Government. The project will provide support for schools with low overall reading scores to see how standards can be improved.

AMANDA LOOSE

'There is no time to listen'

TEACHING

MIKE HODGSON, a teacher for 27 years, used to listen to his pupils read every day. Now he doesn't have time. Instead, he is busy teaching his class of 34 six and seven-year-olds the ten core subjects of the national curriculum.

In any spare time, he has to cover topics such as health and hygiene and the European Union. There aren't enough hours in the working day, he says.

"It is very upsetting. Reading is part of infant school teaching, and we are depriving children of basic information. But with so many attainment targets in the ten subjects, reading is one of many things to be done. It takes up only 5 per cent of our time compared with other subjects, and is no longer a subject in its own right," says Mr Hodgson, who teaches at a small primary school in the North West of England.

"If you are under pressure, then subjects requiring individual attention lose out. It is easier to teach a class, and you can't do class reading lessons.

"When we listened to children daily it showed in their general standard and performance. Children enjoy reading to adults, especially to teachers. Before the national curriculum, children used to remind their teacher if they hadn't read aloud by the end of the day.

"Now there are repercussions in the junior classes, because children are not learning basic literacy and numeracy adequately. There has been a decline. Some of them are still on reading schemes when they leave at 11. It is very easy for the over-11s to get lost in the system."

Mr Hodgson, a member of the national executive of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, frequently complains to the Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

He says: "It is very frustrating. If we haven't got time to listen to our children read, then no one else will after they leave primary school."

AMANDA LOOSE

CASH THREAT TO A SCHEME THAT WORKS

BIG CLAIMS are made for Reading Recovery, an intensive literacy scheme developed in New Zealand, about its power to rescue children at risk of reading failure. But the high cost of the programme means its future in this country is in doubt. The scheme was developed by Professor Dame Marie Clay from close observation of how children learn to read. It is not a way of teaching a class but a strategy to catch weak readers early.

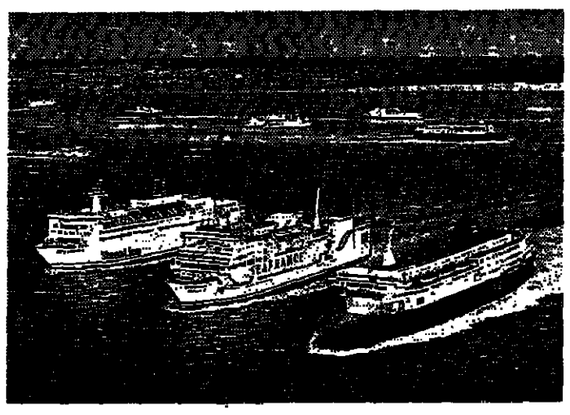
The scheme was adopted as a nationwide programme in New Zealand in 1984 and first given trials in Britain, in Surrey, five years later. Dame Marie herself trained the first British teachers in the scheme in the early 1990s and more than £10 million of government money was put up for pilot projects from 1992 to 1995. Central funding was then stopped and it is now up to local education authorities to find the money from their own budgets.

Every six-year-old child taken on to the scheme will receive one-to-one tuition in reading and writing from a specially trained teacher for half-an-hour a day for up to six months. The children do not simply practise words or sounds; they read books and write sentences every day. Angela Hobsbaum, a national co-ordinator of Reading Recovery, says: "It incorporates a bit of the best of everything. Just about every child makes progress with this method."

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From Cockfosters to Morden, Pam's assets are diminishing

I wonder, do you have any bits of Pamela Anderson at home? An eye, perhaps, a breast, a foot? I do of course realise that this is a silly question, for all manner of reasons — not the least being that if you did have any such bits, you would be unlikely to tell me about it, you would not write in and say, "Yes, glad you asked, I happen to have a finger and an ear" — it is simply that I need to find a way into today's farrago, and I can think of no other, because it is that kind of farrago, it does not have a beginning, a middle, and an end, it just has, well, bits.

For the fact is that all over London, parts of the great *Baywatch* diva are mysteriously disappearing. Or, rather, all under London, for where they are disappearing from is the hundreds of Tube station posters announcing this week's opening of *Barb Wire*, Miss Anderson's first starring feature film, in which she plays a woman with either one leg or no head, depending on whether you believe the poster beneath Baker Street or the one beneath Kilburn. (You should not on any account believe the one beneath Charing Cross, since according to this she plays a woman with no breasts, a career move which I rather doubt even studio bosses as uncommercial as Hollywood's would encourage.) And do not imagine that those responsible for tearing off Pam's bits travel only the Jubilee Line: the above examples are merely those I have personally observed, but my wider research reveals that countless similar crimes have been perpetrated throughout the system: box the subterranean compass where you will, from Cockfosters to Morden, from Uxbridge to Theydon Bois, you will find whey-faced informants ready to express their shock and distress at seeing as little as a third of Miss Anderson left standing.

Why? There are, it appears, no simple answers. Even the experts are divided: according to London Transport Publicity, the defacements (as numerous and as widespread as any in their memory) are for the most part assortedly political, a conclusion induced by their observation of graffiti which sometimes accompany the knifework and seem to bespeak the attentions of militants as various (and, normally, as mutually hostile) as religious fundamentalists, radical feminists, backers-to-basics, and phallocentric drunks, plus (this is now me, mind, and only guessing) a sporadic sprinkling of less corporate complaints from the bosomly challenged, out-of-work actors, members of the Broadcasting Standards Council, sociopathic misogynists, and even, if Finchley Road is anything to go by, music lovers enraged that Pamela's thighs have been pasted over information concerning open-air concerts at Kenwood.

But if you then phone British Transport Police, you get, to a descant of laddish chortling, the altogether different interpretation that these excisions are not attacks motivated by rage at all, but reverences motivated by infatuation, ie, besotted men are tearing bits of Pamela off and carrying them home for repasting to their domestic premises. This, Tubeplod continued confidently, could well explain the unprecedented extent of the ravages: given the tenacity of modern gum designed to thwart wholesale removal, it was quite possible that Pamela was not suffering at the hands of many men snatching one or two fragments, but one or two men snatching many, in the hope of finally rebuilding their beloved in toto. Why else, he went on, would anyone take an elbow, something he had personally noticed only that morning?

The truth probably embraces, it generally does, a bit of everything. To offer us the proposition that Pamela Anderson — emblem, icon, symbol, little cracker, what you will, an artefact put together by the diverse hands of natural parents, plastic surgeons, orthodontists, wigmakers, cosmeticians, voice coaches, couturiers, agents, and hucksters of every sort and condition to be one very simple thing — is now, it seems, being taken apart by hands even more diverse as the result of having become, willy-nilly, one very complicated thing.

It may well be that there is some sort of major message in all this, but I doubt that pursuing it will make us any happier. Unlike the minor message, which is to stay off Tubes for a bit. Out of sight, out of mind.



Too timid to delegate

The age of the region is upon us and Europe is leading the way. But the Tories in Britain have yet to notice

Simon Jenkins

One thing was sure about the ending of the Iron Curtain in 1989. It would not mean the end of the Iron Curtain. I recall the remark of an elderly German a week after the Berlin Wall's demise. We stood by the Brandenburg Gate watching youngsters breaking up pieces out of the wall to sell to tourists. "If only it were that easy," he said. "If only."

Last weekend, the electors of the former East German state of Brandenburg refused to merge with Berlin in a new German region planned by Bonn. The distaste of the Brandenburgers for anything to do with Berlin was compounded by an aversion to edicts from what they still see as the former West German Government. That Government wished to reduce the number of *Länder* in Germany by half, a wish now sabotaged. The Democratic Socialists (formerly Communists) were the only party to oppose the merger. They have declared the vote a triumph.

Walls of stone can be demolished and their creators can be declared defunct. Walls of the mind cannot be so easily erased. Nor can half a century of European history. The German Constitution may be a model of devolution, but for the states of former East Germany, it is not devolved enough. The Brandenburgers have spoken, and wisely their view will be respected. Britons might ponder that nobody thought to ask Scotland's opinion when London curtly reorganised its local government last year. As with the poll tax, the Scots must do what they are told by the English. Braveheart Wallace wins the Oscars, but he was thrashed by the English 700 years ago, and to John Major it might as well be yesterday.

If supra-nationalism is the obsession of today's European politicians, sub-nationalism will be the obsession of tomorrow's. Those who lived through the Second World War have spent 50 years searching for a glue to hold together the combatants. Their political grandchildren see things differently. Across Europe they are drawing strength from the vitality of sub-national regions. They feed on public hatred of the central bureaucracies that rampaged across their countries in the 1970s and 1980s. Europe's next Reformation will be based not on Delors federalism but on a resurgence of the province, the region, the *département* and the *Land*.

Everywhere the worm is turning. Since last month's Italian election, one topic alone has dominated Rome politics. It is not European monetary union, or corruption, nor the question of whether former Prime Ministers Andreotti, Craxi and Berlusconi will go to prison. The dominant topic is how to appease northern separatism. The Lombard League is easy to satirise. Its leader, Umberto Bossi, is derided as ugly, vulgar, populist and uneducated — leadership qualities that have long contrived to surprise and destabilise Europe's political class. At the weekend, Bossi summoned his regional parliament in Mantua and called for the "Czechoslovakia option", a new border along the Apennines and an end to the subsidies that pour south from Milan and Bologna to Rome and Naples.

This is a popular cry. Italy's politicians may deplore Bossi, but they do not underestimate his appeal. They will almost certainly extend to the northern regions the "special status" already granted to Sicily, Sardinia and three Alpine provinces. This status includes a measure of political and economic autonomy and retention of a share of national taxes.

Italy and Germany are not alone. This is proving a glorious spring for devolutionists. At the weekend, Spain's new conservative Government negotiated further autonomy, including tax-raising powers, with Catalan and Basque leaders. The Spanish Constitution allows a province to vote itself variable devolution, and Catalans and Basques have made full use of this right. The power to raise income tax is rarely used — Scots Tories might note — because regions prefer other forms of revenue. They prefer not to commit electoral suicide.

Modern Spain is a federalist patchwork, with Galicia and Andalusia also quasi-autonomous. The country has not fallen apart or seen its national identity threatened, quite the opposite. As in Italy and Germany, subsidiarity has become the key to national unity. It is a form of constitutional reform that keeps governments strong and separatists at bay. It is a democratic safet-valve and a check on the aggrandisement of big government. Similar devolution was instituted in France in 1982.

British political opinion, notably in the present Cabinet, takes precisely the opposite view. It contrives to believe both that the United Kingdom is immune from these centrifugal forces and, paradoxically, that it is so vulnerable to them that it must stamp on the slightest murmur from the Celtic fringe. Devolution is dismissed as what weak foreigners do to hang on to power and stop their countries imploding.

This ideology has bizarre implications. On this page yesterday the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, repeated the cliché that "the Conservative Party is a national party or it is nothing". Did he mean centralist/nationalist, or merely nationwide? I doubt if he knew. Perhaps he was acknowledging that the party has been all but eliminated from sub-national politics in the United Kingdom. There cannot be a ruling group in the democratic world with so little local electoral support.

In what other states would acknowledge as subsidiary regions, this is even more so. At the next election the Conservatives are unlikely to hold more than half a dozen seats in Scotland and Wales. In Northern Ireland they cannot even bring themselves to fight an election, despite proclaiming Tory Unionism. The people of Ulster are thus denied any opportunity to vote for or against the party that rules them — or even a party allied to the party that rules them. This crude suspension of normal democracy has continued for a quarter of a century.

In three of the four components of the United Kingdom, the next general election will be fought with regionalism to the fore. A measure of devolution is supported by a large majority of the peoples of these regions. In the case of Scotland, no party beyond the Scottish Tory rump opposes devolution. Most Scots Tories, even Mr Rifkind, appear to be closet supporters. The devolutionists do not want separation: only idiots pretend that one implies the other. The call is for partial autonomy of the sort that is *de rigueur* in every other "union" in Europe. This implies a regional assembly and an executive with some discretion over revenue and expenditure. The requirement is for a political entity distinct from the centre. Centuries of Unionism have failed to end this quest by the Scots, Welsh and Irish, however tenuous or distant its historical origins.

In Brandenburg and Sicily, in Catalonia and Corsica, in Slovenia and Jura, such a demand — well short of secession — would be treated as legitimate and reasonable. A democratic ruler, however proud and protective of his borders, acknowledges the concept of self-determination. A Tory Cabinet does not. What is cynical about its aversion to devolution is that it turns turtle if devolutionists resort to violence. In Ireland the Tories conceded both separatism (to the Republic) and devolution (to Ulster) when they were demanded at the point of a gun.

Nothing is more humiliating for the Scots than to see Mr Major negotiating a devolved assembly with IRA gangsters while he dismisses the Scots with facile references to the "death of the Union" and a "tartan tax". It is now impossible to understand what a Tory means by Unionism. Mr Major believes, against all evidence, that his centralism holds the key to a Tory recovery in Scotland. He believes precisely the opposite in Northern Ireland. In Edinburgh he is a sworn foe of a regional assembly, yet in Belfast he wants to revive Europe's one true disaster among regional assemblies, namely Stormont.

There is no rhyme or reason to this. The Tory party seems out of its intellectual depth. Like Tolkien's Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*, its leader regards the outer reaches of the Union as a constitutional Mirkwood. A Desolation of Smaug, the Edge of the Wild, it is to him a land of trolls and dark Militants, of elvenkings and hung councils, of uncertain friends and certain foes. It is a place where no Huntingdon Hobbit should ever venture. Like Baggins, he is wrong. This is the Land of the Ring.

Welfare must pay its way

Labour's plans do not go far enough, says **Frank Field**

In his lecture yesterday on social justice, Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, set out the values Labour will bring to reforming welfare. Labour is at long last moving away from viewing welfare as a passive service, in which individuals simply receive and the rest of us quietly forget about them. Citizens under a Labour government will be required to put in the "proper effort" to get back to work.

Only when we see the detailed policies will we know what is in Mr Smith's mind in this respect. The danger is that he will be enticed into proposing once again mere sectional policies. Until now, all anti-poverty strategies have been designed and controlled from the centre, deciding which single mothers can participate and which long-term unemployed will be eligible. This is "old" Labour writ large. The hour demands a totally new approach.

The aim must be to liberate all income support claimants. The party should commit itself to turning income support from a passive agency, paying benefits, and checking occasionally on fraud, into an active body. All able-bodied claimants should be expected to draw up plans for what they want to do with the rest of their lives. Income support payments should then be used to help them to achieve these objectives.

Labour should be proposing nothing short of ways to allow claimants to create thousands of exits from poverty *for themselves*. Labour must reject the paternalism of its past in favour of a belief in the power of the poor when they seek their own self-improvement.

It is also crucial that the detailed proposals embody a belief that welfare is no longer a passive agent. Means tests, for example, help to determine our characters. Means tests penalise work, tax savings, and place a penalty on honesty. Labour needs to commit itself to reducing the size of the means-tested welfare state.

So how can this be achieved? In part it must be done by introducing a new social insurance scheme, as Mr Smith said in his speech yesterday. Since 1979, the Tories have raised contributions by £27 billion, but cut levels of benefit or abolished them altogether. Is Labour going to set up a new scheme run by contributors themselves rather than by politicians? This is surely a positive way of helping to create a new sense of social cohesion, an aim which Mr Smith rightly emphasised in his speech.

And will the Labour Party be proposing a clear social insurance alternative to the plans the Government announced yesterday on long-term care? Practically all of us live long enough to retire. Hence all of us must be required to save towards our retirement income.

Only one in five of us, however, requires long-term residential care. Hence the opportunity to discuss with voters a new national insurance scheme — again run by the contributors themselves. Risks would be shared, and as the scheme would be compulsory, those who believe in freewheeling through life and landing the costs on the rest of us will be compelled to pay.

Such a policy will make a reality of Labour's commitment to support those who work hard, those who save, and those who are honest. Under the present system, anybody who is foolish enough to do any of those three things is penalised. It is in the detail of new policy that Labour will be able to show which values it actively supports, and to contrast its stance with that of the present Government.

Chris Smith's comments on a proper partnership between the public and private sector are also to be welcomed, particularly in respect to pensions. But the policy statements that we are promised will need to go further than the hints so far suggest. The dominant theme of yesterday's lecture was how to prevent social exclusion. What does this overarching objective mean in respect to pensions?

Will everyone be required to save towards a second pension, which will run in addition to the state retirement pension? And will contributions for those outside the labour market be paid for by taxpayers? If they are, there will be costs to pay, and the scheme will entail redistribution, but that is the price politicians must pay if policies to counter-exclusion are to be effective.

Taking tough decisions is sensible only if they are right. Cutting welfare is only a proper objective for Labour if it follows from implementing the right policies. Labour must also face up to the scale of fraud in the current system. The Social Security Select Committee will next week be publishing a report on the extent of housing benefit fraud. During its inquiry, evidence came to light on just how widespread is the practice of working full-time while also claiming a panoply of benefits, often using several National Insurance numbers. This is serious, organised fraud on a scale which most people have failed to comprehend.

I believe that if a future Labour government were determined to tackle fraud — by landlords, claimants and gangs — there could be such benefit savings that it would be possible to introduce within the current budget a major restructuring of welfare. Within that framework we could expect to see the social security budget controlled for the first time.

Frank Field, MP, chairs the Social Security Select Committee.

Ay ay, spies

SPOOKS around the world are packing their low-brimmed hats and holsters to attend the funeral of William Colby, the highly controversial former CIA chief who was found dead near his home on Monday.

Such momentous espionage gatherings are relished by players of the great game, for whom every wayward flicker of a hymn sheet or collar turned up nervously against the wind can betray so much.

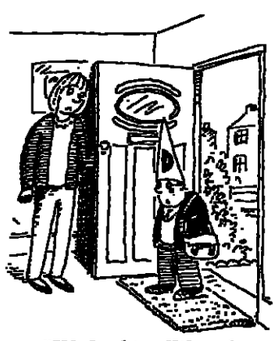
"Frankly, all the people who turn up to such funerals look rather Harry Lime-ish," says Philip Knightley, author of a definitive biography of Kim Philby. "Dark suits, dark ties and huge overcoats — and they talk only to each other. A lot of it has to do with trying to add mystique to their profession."

According to Chapman Pincher, the author of several books on the secret services, "Spies never give their names to reporters at colleagues' funerals, and become very upset if anyone tries to take their photograph".

Over at the CIA, a spooksman said Colby's funeral would be "less cloak-and-daggerish than if he had died in office", but still marked "high security".

Oleg Kalugin, a former KGB general who attended Philby's funeral in Moscow, along with 200 Soviet intelligence agents, met Colby at a security conference five years ago. The two old enemies collaborated on a computer game called "The Spy Craft".

"I shall probably be the only Russian to attend his funeral," says Kalugin, adding to the murky scenario. "If anyone turned up from the Russian Embassy, I would not recognise them, and if I did, I certainly wouldn't talk to them."



"We had traditional methods today"

DIARY

● *After the Oscar success of his film* Braveheart, *Mel Gibson has moved on to less blood-soaked terrain. His production company is making a film about the Cottingley Fairies, the hoax photographs of gossamer-winged Yorkshire sprites which fooled Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Gibson, who was hanged, drawn and quartered at the end of his Scottish epic, will not be wearing tutu and wand for the film.*

Gridlocked

OXFORD University's Gridiron Club is set to be thrown out of its premises above a pizza restaurant. The days when the Grid, one of Oxford's oldest drinking clubs, held court in a succession of noble townhouses, serving proper meaty lunches and providing a haven for public-school swells, are gone.

In recent years, the club has rented digs above Pizza Express in the centre of town. A series of drunken encounters between members and pizzarinas, however, have led to a weariness on the part of the landlords. "If people in the university say the Grid has to go," said Paul Spring, a manager in the restaurant, "then it is so."

Meanwhile, the Grid's old leather furnishings are gathering dust in a warehouse outside Oxford, or else adorning the rooms of Maurice Keen, the pipe-smoking Balliol history don in charge of the club.

Rum do

GRAHAM DAVIES — barrister and joke-writer to Kenneth Clarke and Peter Lilley — felt like a character in a Bateman drawing the other day: the man who asked for a rum-and-Coke in the Carlton Club. He was rebuked by the barman. "He looked me up and down and said, 'we don't have any rum, sir, but you may like to try upstairs where ladies are served'," says Davies.

"The barman upstairs didn't bat an eyelid when I asked him. It's odd because I go to the Carlton once or twice a year, but I've never had aspersions cast over my choice of drink before."

● *Liberal Democrats in Conway, North Wales, have established their new HQ in a former ladies' lavatory on the beach. It adjoins a café, the owner of which, finding the palatial WC superfluous, converted it and offered it to a grateful party. The local organiser, Dr Jonathan Wallace, is delighted, saying: "It's much more convenient."*

Write on

LATEST recruit to the ranks of the press is the model Laura Bailey, 24, Richard Gere's former girlfriend. Miss Bailey is writing a New York diary for Condé Nast's new Internet site.

Such literary endeavour may help to appease her father, an Oxford law don who was said to be mighty unhappy when his daughter forsook a promising career in academe for the life of a catwalk flibbertigibbet.

Miss Bailey's writing style, as she glides through New York's cultural traffic, is heavy going. It's a curious mix of bathroom angst, doctoral thesis and beat poetry.



Bailey: law unto herself

"The entire crowd were mesmerised," she writes of a Van Morrison concert, "as each of the band echoed his every breath, improvising a kind of primal dialogue with a thousand times the eloquence of words alone . . . The silence was deafening in our cab downtown as we travelled lost in dreams, 'The healing has begun'."

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THE NEED TO KNOW

There is much in Zyuganov's plans that merit espionage

Russia's allegations against British diplomats in Moscow have had an unintended byproduct. By drawing attention to how little is known about who is really in charge of the Russian political, intelligence and military machines, the authorities have bolstered the case for more active intelligence-gathering, whether overt or covert.

The new broom at the Russian Federal Security Bureau, the successor to the KGB, is Mikhail Barsukov, one of President Yeltsin's closest aides. Yet he has done Mr Yeltsin no favours in this affair. These spying charges will cost the Russian President much more internationally than he stands to gain at home. Practical programmes, like last month's agreement at the nuclear summit in Moscow to increase intelligence co-operation against illicit Russian nuclear trading, are also at risk.

The prize for idiocy in this affair goes, however, not to Moscow but to Harry Cohen, the Labour MP who yesterday called on the Government "to stop this James Bond silliness and apologise to Mr Yeltsin". In Mr Yeltsin's Russia secretiveness still surrounds the management of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons stockpiles, nuclear installations, the workings of organised crime syndicates and attitudes within its powerful military. Even more to the point is the possible victory of Gennadi Zyuganov in the presidential elections due next month. Mr Cohen may accept at face value the image of sober-sided social democrat which Mr Zyuganov has been out to project to the West. No intelligence agency worth the name would be so culpably innocent.

Mr Zyuganov's hero is Stalin; his idea of a successful foreign policy is Russia's crushing of the Prague Spring in 1968; and his attitude to dissent can be gauged from his warm sympathy for China's handling of the Tiananmen democracy protests. His copious published works accuse the US, the UN and International Monetary Fund, the Roman Catholic Church and even the Trilateral Commission of leading a "mondialist" Western conspiracy to destroy Russia's greatness. He presents the new Communist Party which he heads as the force that can restore the "global balance" of the Brezhnev years under the banner of "collectivism, unity and statehood", rebuild the Soviet empire and triumph over the "corrupted West". Mr Zyuganov is a "new" communist only in the sense that he has grafted a national socialist creed onto his belief in an autarkic "mixed" economy. He sees a Russia shut off from the global markets which make it dependent on "external factors", a Russia in which the State would again control the levers that matter.

Western analysts still describe Mr Zyuganov as the relatively "acceptable" face of the coalition of "popular-patriotic forces" that he heads. Behind him are subtler, and more sinister, political operators. Some of his rhetoric may be opportunistic, a deliberate pitch for the votes of millions of career apparatchiks and impoverished Russians who have come to equate communism with a lost stability. But the fear must be that if he wins, the new communists could turn out even worse than the Bourbons — having forgotten nothing, but having learnt a little — mainly about how to prevent a repetition of the collapse of Soviet communism in 1991.

A Zyuganov government that set out to turn back the economic clock would probably fail; there are plenty of powerful members of the old nomenklatura, turned entrepreneurs, who would put up stout resistance. But in the struggle, Russia's transformation into a "normal country" could still be set back by years; and its relations with the West would seriously deteriorate. Seen through the eyes of the intelligence community, now is not too soon to get their "assets" in place.

A TALE OF TWO SMITHS

Labour has come a long way on welfare reform

Only four years ago, Mr Smith, a senior Shadow Cabinet member, made the centrepiece of his party's manifesto a promise to spend more on benefits. Now another Mr Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, boasts that the less spent on welfare, the better. John Smith, the welfare spender, was on the Right of the party; Chris Smith, the saver, is on the soft Left. But the difference is that, while John was archetypal "old" Labour, Chris is shiny "new".

It is a sign of how far Tony Blair has taken his party that what might once have passed as heresy has now become conventional wisdom. New Labour does not intend to address poverty by putting a few extra pounds into claimants' pockets. The stated aim instead is to convert dependence on the State to independence through work. Labour has gone full circle. As in 1945, its leaders now agree that those who claim benefits have a responsibility to seek work. As Mr Smith said yesterday, the citizen must make, "proper efforts to reach out beyond welfare and back into work".

The new Mr Smith is also revolutionary (in Labour terms, at least) in his admission that the State need not be the monopoly provider of benefits. Indeed, as he says, there are serious disadvantages in some areas of relying upon the State. Under the "pay-as-you-go" pension system, today's generation of twenty and thirtysomethings will find themselves paying pensions for their parents' generation while receiving virtually nothing from the State when they themselves finish work.

So is there now a consensus between the two main parties on the welfare state? Broadly; though you might not have thought so yesterday as Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, berated Stephen Dorrell for his proposals on residential care. Like Mr Smith, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, wants to encourage claimants to move off benefits and into work. The difficulty is that such policies are expensive.

In one area, though, Mr Smith may be able to mark out new territory. Conservatives have a problem with forcing people to save, whether for retirement at home or for residential care. Apart from the small element of compulsion that accompanies the state earnings-related pension scheme, Tories prefer such saving to be voluntary, encouraged by tax breaks. The trouble comes because frugal old people are then penalised and the improvident are rewarded: a means test ensures that those with no savings can claim income support and have the costs of residential care met by the State. Those who have saved money have to spend most of it before the State steps in. This acts as a strong disincentive to thrift.

Mr Dorrell attempted yesterday to mitigate this effect by protecting more assets for those who insure themselves against the costs of care. But this approach is expensive for the taxpayer. Labour could more easily propose compulsory saving or insurance for old age, which would ensure that the prodigal would not benefit at the expense of the frugal, and the State would actually save money. While the payments might feel like a tax, they would have the virtue of guaranteeing provision for each individual in later life, unlike the unreliable "pay-as-you-go" pensions. All citizens would then own their pensions and insurance policies — a key part of their pass to a stakeholder society.

DEAR SIR GORDON

A letter to the Parliamentary Ombudsman goes astray

Many thanks for your kind letter dated last July 3rd. I hope you will forgive my delay in replying. The trip to the Dominican Republic's Department of Tourism and Tobacco in my capacity as chairman of the all-party Anglo-Caribbean group overran somewhat owing to that incident with the limbo dancer and a petit corona.

You ask a number of questions with regard to my entry to the Register of Members' Interests. I am very glad you ask these questions, because it gives me an opportunity to clear up any lingering misunderstanding about the confusion between my role as Member for *(Mrs Innes-Fleming - pls fill in)* and the 12 directorships, 17 consultancies and 43 foreign trips I have accepted this year in an effort to keep afloat *(surely abreast? Mrs I-F)*.

Firstly, you inquire why I do not register the renumeration received as a director of East Wessex Water. My understanding of the new rules following the Nolan Report is that earnings need only be included if the money was received as a result of work undertaken which sprang directly from one's position as an MP. My seat on the EWW board has nothing to do with my seat in the Commons.

I was appointed on the basis of my extensive knowledge of matters aquatic, not least an honourable C in O-level chemistry and membership of the Royal Yacht Squadron. The offer to join the board did come, as you point out, three days after I had left my post in the Department of the Environment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Privatisation but the implication that the two are related is monstrous.

Secondly, the suggestion that I should reveal "a little more" about my family holiday in the Gulf State of Alibaba is an ugly intrusion into my personal affairs. It is correct I was Minister of Arms Sales at that point but I was a private guest of my old friend Sheikh Rattal an-Rhol whom I first met at Harrow long before his rise to Supreme Commander of the Armies of the Revolutionary Jihad in that picturesque principality. Our relationship is an old and intimate one, which predates my political career, as attested by his long presence on the board of my Tinned Fruit-to-Tommy Gun trading conglomerate Hollyhock. The notion that there was anything sordidly commercial, let alone political about the trip is an horrid slur on a loyal customer *(surely ally? Mrs I-F)* of this company *(surely country? Mrs I-F)*.

Thirdly, your inquiry about the fee I earn as a consultant to Westminster Lobbying Plc is a vulgar impertinence. You allude to the company's advertising material and the claim "If you've got the cash, you'll get an amendment in a flash", and my good friend John Major's comment that Parliament should not be reduced to a "hiring-fair". May I reassure you that I am not retained by Westlob because I am an MP but because, as a former editor of Bagehot's works I am a constitutional expert. Hope this helps, with all good wishes, Yours, etc. . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour view on security service

From Mr Alun Michael, JP, MP for Cardiff South and Penarth (Labour)

Sir, Your reports of May 6 and 7 on the Government's Security Service Bill do not refer to the need for a proper structure of accountability if we are to fight organised crime effectively.

As drafted, the Bill would have allowed the head of MI5 to decide when to undertake investigations into serious crime. However, as a result of Labour suggestions and debate in committee, the chief constable who heads the National Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) will now be the "guardian at the gate"; MI5 can act only if called in by the police, and the security service must then act only in support of specific police inquiries.

The real flaw in the Bill is the curious position of NCIS. In theory this body is accountable to the Home Secretary: in practice this is almost meaningless. Even the Home Secretary now accepts the need for a body to which NCIS should report. This body, I believe, should include representatives of chief police officers and of local police authorities, thus tying national police work back into the systems and accountability of local police activity.

It is only common sense for NCIS and the proposed national crime squad to be headed by different individuals: their purpose and functions are different, and the crime squad will be one "customer" among many for NCIS. However, having one body to which they both report is the only way to make accountability simple and coherent at a national level.

It is equally important that both heads should have served as chief police officers prior to appointment. Most crime is local in nature, and success in combatting it is most frequently achieved where the targeted activity of police is combined with close cooperation with local councils and local communities.

The Government chose not to take up our offer of helping to speed through legislation in this session. They will lose credibility unless they promise to bring forward a Bill this autumn setting up a police authority for both NCIS and the national crime squad.

Yours sincerely,
ALUN MICHAEL
(Shadow Minister for Home Affairs),
House of Commons.
May 6.

Paying for transport

From the Director of Policy, the Automobile Association

Sir, You rightly criticise the Government's transport Green Paper for shying away from a coherent system of paying for transport (leading article, April 26).

Last year, the Department of Transport reported that our country's roads were in a worse state than 20 years before. At the same time some local authorities were spending more on compensation for injuries from broken pavements than on maintaining them.

Efficient capital maintenance needs stable long-term finance, not the short-termism that results from the annual public expenditure round.

Three years ago Parliament stopped being told what was raised from road taxation and how much was spent on roads because the Government deemed the accounting "flawed". No new reporting system has yet been put in place.

The Citizen's Charter should allow us to see what we pay, and those who are responsible for managing one of the nation's major assets should be accountable.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN DAWSON,
Director of Policy,
The Automobile Association,
Norfolk House, Priestley Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
April 27.

Lawful bullets

From the Editor of Stalking Magazine

Sir, In his report " 'Clown prince' is no joke" (Amsterdam file, May 4) Roger Boyes makes two disparaging references to the alleged use of "dumdum" bullets by Crown Prince Willem Alexander while he was hunting at Apeldoorn in The Netherlands.

In England and Wales, the Deer Act 1963 requires that deer be shot using a soft-nosed or hollow-nosed bullet (in Scottish law the term expanding bullets is used) — in layman's terms, "dumdum" bullets.

Virtually every civilised country in the world requires, by law, larger game to be shot with such bullets, on compassionate grounds. This is certainly the case throughout the EU.

Thus, the Crown Prince is being accused of *not* breaking the laws of the The Netherlands. It seems that the press find fault with royalty whatever it does.

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER BORTHEN,
Editor,
Stalking Magazine,
48 Queen Street, Exeter, Devon.
May 6.

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Custody implications of Sifiso ruling

From Mr Phillip Taylor

Sir, Your leader, "Solomon's child" (May 6), rightly identifies the judicial dilemma facing any adjudicator tasked with deciding who should have custody of Sifiso Mahlangu. However, you let the interpreters of the Children Act off lightly when you highlight this boy's inability to put his own case in person to the courts.

Many who watched the passage of the Children Act in 1989 thought a new dawn had broken. We reckoned without the vagaries of the Court of Appeal. It is difficult to understand in an enlightened England why, when a child's short-term future at a critical age is in issue, he is unable to express his own preference in person to those deciding his future.

It is not good enough in cases such as these for the judiciary to fob distressed clients off by saying that the child cannot be seen in person and that the court has no discretion. As we approach the 21st century this attitude still seems to smack of 19th-century justice.

Yours faithfully,
PHILLIP TAYLOR,
Richmond Green Chambers,
Greyhound House,
23-24 George Street,
Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey.
May 6.

From Mr Barry N. Speker

Sir, The heart-rending case of Sifiso Mahlangu highlights long overdue changes needed in our adoption law. Proposals set out in the Adoption Bill published in March 1996, following an eight-year review of adoption law, may help to make further such cases unnecessary.

Although under the Children Act 1989 the welfare of the child is the paramount consideration in cases affecting children, this is still not the guiding principle under the Adoption Act 1976. The new Bill proposes to introduce the concept of paramountcy into English adoption law.

It also sets out a formal structure for inter-country adoption. Such adoptions are not presently regulated in current adoption law and practice.

The proposed new placement order would enable the issues of whether the intended adoption is in the interests of the child, and whether the natural parents have consented or their agreement should be dispensed with, to be dealt with at the outset. This should prevent cases like that of Sifiso where a child is ordered to be removed long after he has become part of a new family.

The Government's White Paper, *Adoption — The Future*, stated that political correctness should have no place in adoption. The new Bill intends to establish this aim. Sifiso's case carries more than a hint of such political correctness.

I wonder, finally, if the Court of Appeal's refusal to delay implementation of Sifiso's return to South Africa until the case had been considered by the European courts, was a reaction by the judges to numerous recent cases where the European courts have overridden long-established principles of English statutes and case law? If this were the case, it cannot be just that Sifiso should be the sacrifice.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY N. SPEKER,
Samuel Phillips & Co (solicitors),
86 Pilgrim Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
May 7.

Labour's tax plans

From Mr J. V. Wilson, FCA

Sir, I believe that there are some policies which the Labour Party could announce now quite safely, which would bring them further support (letters, April 30). These are:

1. A commitment to set up one or more task force immediately after winning the election whose job would be to prepare detailed recommendations for the complete overhaul and simplification of our present tax system, including VAT.

Members of these task forces would comprise experts from the Treasury, Inland Revenue, HM Customs and the accountancy, law and tax professions, and would be required to report back within a maximum period of two years.

They would be asked in particular to look at combining national insurance contributions with income tax, changing the tax year end from April 5 to March 31, and the use of modern technology for the assessment and collection of tax and the prevention of tax avoidance.

2. A commitment not to make any changes to the present tax system until the task forces' recommendations have been put into effect.

3. An undertaking that the legislation implementing the new tax system would be written in clear, understandable English.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILSON,
Broadside,
Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey.
May 5.

From Mrs Sonia Gable

Sir, Roger Brice (letter, April 27) is mistaken if he believes that the abolition of child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds will result in parents depriving unemployed youngsters of a roof over their heads.

Child benefit for this age group is paid only where the child is in full-time education and not to the parents of the unemployed youths about whom Mr Brice is concerned in the course of his legal practice in the criminal courts.

Yours faithfully,
SONIA GABLE
(Tax consultant),
49 Herent Drive,
Clayhall, Ilford, Essex.
April 29.

Mad writers

From Mr Ian Wordsworth

Sir, Research by Dr Felix Post (report, May 1) has led him to deduce that, as your picture caption puts it, "there is a strong link between madness and creative writing" and to put poets less at risk.

He could have saved himself from reinventing the wheel. As the poet John Dryden observed 300 years ago:

Great wits are sure to madness near all'd
And thin partitions do their bounds divide
(Absalom and Achitophel).

Yours faithfully,
IAN WORDSWORTH,
Thompson's Oast,
Hartlake Road,
Golden Green, Tonbridge, Kent.
May 2.

From Mrs Sheila Clarke

Sir, "All writers are mad or drunk or both", according to your report of the study on men by Dr Post. Will he follow this with a similar dissertation on the opposite sex? Maybe the conclusion would be quite different. Inner turmoil is surely a fundamental aid to the artistic temperament.

Many a woman has to be wife, mother, cook, cleaner, nurse, gardener, etc. We have no time to get drunk or go mad. Could it be that in dealing with these mundane priorities we become adept at keeping our creative obsessions smouldering on the back burner, thus preserving our sanity?

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA CLARKE,
12 Church Street,
Ampthill, Bedfordshire.
May 1.

Dainty dish

From Mr R. H. Wynands

Sir, With reference to your correspondence on rats being eaten during the 1870 siege of Paris (letters, May 2, 7), my grandmother was trapped in the siege, and I well remember her telling me, as a very young boy, to finish the skin off my rice pudding as it was tastier than stewed rat.

Sadly her first husband was shot during the siege for breaking a curfew whilst seeking food.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD H. WYNANDS,
2 Cane End,
Princes Risborough,
Buckinghamshire.
May 7.

From Mr J. C. Pagler

Sir, As an RAF survival instructor 25 years ago I was myself taught that if something moved it was potentially edible, regardless of whether it had legs or not.

The only rule of thumb was if it looks good try a little and if there are no ill effects, try a larger quantity cooked in the same manner.

Sincerely,
JOHN PAGLER,
14 Wordsworth Close,
Llantwit Major,
South Glamorgan.
May 7.

Tongue-tied HMSO

From Dr David G. Guild

Sir, Your leader, "An exercise for Cyril" (May 1), suggests that HMSO should have "included at least one speaker of Uzbek, or even Kazakh" to prevent its £3 million write-off of useless miniature pencils and calendars in Cyrillic script prepared for Uzbekistan (report, April 30).

Distinctions between Uzbek, Kazakh, Kirgiz, Azeri or even Türkmen are not clear-cut. All are effectively dialects of Turkish.

It is likely, going by my own experience, that Azeri is closest to the Turkish of Turkey. Uzbek, which has lost most of its vowel harmony, is further away: an analogy might be English and Scots.

As regards the orthography used for Uzbek I must admit to being not absolutely up to date. Until perhaps the early Forties these peoples used a Roman orthography, based loosely on that devised by Kemal Atatürk for the Turks proper. Subsequently they were not particularly well served by a Cyrillic-based script.

I believe, though I am not certain, they were thinking of returning to the much more adequate Romanisation.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. GUILD
(Lecturer in Russian,
Edinburgh University),
53 Grange Road, Edinburgh 9.
May 1.

Memorials for the common man

From the Director of the National Funerals College

Sir, I confess the temptation to scan your accounts of memorial services to spot the stars (Mr Christian's letter, May 6). Yet memorial services play far more serious roles.

Their immediate value is the provision, for all sorts of people with full diaries, of an opportunity to pay public respect to those who have died and to acknowledge their contribution to wider communities. In allowing time and space for the dead, they emphasise the role of death in enforcing the prioritisation of values and relationships in a mortally limited life. They testify that death is never a private act and that bereavement, whilst individual, should never go unsupported.

The memorial services criticised by Mr Christian are those which reflect only on the individual biography of the departed and which omit their common future destination and its religious interpretation. These are at one extreme end of the range of rituals which mark a death.

At the other must come those funeral services which are so excessively orientated to the after-life that no acknowledgement is paid either to the achievements and beliefs of the departed, or to the needs of those most intimately bereaved or to the devotion of those who nursed them.

In the middle of the range come those rituals for the majority of the population whose hidden lives and slighter chances bear no comparison with the stars'. For this majority, quieter and more localised memorial services are sometimes provided, both at churches and, increasingly, at crematoria (where 70 per cent of us take our leave). Annual memorial services at crematoria seem to give great satisfaction to those bereaved who attend, sometimes drawing four-figure congregations.

Yet even these provisions are not without bias. For the 30 per cent of people who are buried, only very rarely do local authorities (who own most cemeteries) provide memorial services. For the sake of so many ordinary people who rest in otherwise unvisited tombs and whose obituaries, necessarily overlooked by *The Times*, await the assay of Judgment Day, could local authorities rectify this imbalance?

The Dead Citizens Charter, which we published earlier this spring, includes recommendations both for funerals which address the individual lives of those who die and the provision of a wider range of memorial services for those who grieve.

Yours faithfully,
PETER C. JUPP,
Director,
The National Funerals College,
Braddon House, High Street,
Duddington, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
May 6.

Getting ahead

From Mr Kauno Viinikka

Sir, Rather more than 30 minutes could be saved on the journey time to Paris without the need to spend £3 billion on a Channel Tunnel rail link (letter, May 2). Travellers could arrive a whole hour earlier by simply adapting to Central European time.

Yours faithfully,
K. VIINIKKA,
104 Vanbrugh Park,
Blackheath, SE3.
May 2.

Images of the wild

From Mr M. J. Kerr

Sir, If we are to allot animal symbols to our political parties (letter, April 27), I suggest that the party we support would always be represented by the lion (king of the jungle). The other two by the crocodile (destruction) and the bat (blind stupidity).

Yours faithfully,
M. J. KERR,
The Culver House,
Newnham-on-Severn,
Gloucestershire.
April 27.

From Dr Geoffrey Pocock

Sir, The lyre-bird sounds a suitable symbol for any political party.

Yours faithfully,
G. POCOCK,
3 Glasspool,
Denmead, Portsmouth.
April 27.

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, The symbol for the Conservative Party would have to be a mad cow. As Mr Blair is sometimes known as "Bambi", the appropriate symbol for the Labour Party would obviously be a young deer.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BRODKIN,
93 Kingsley Way, N2.
April 29.

From Mr Arthur Blackwell

Sir, May I suggest, for the Labour Party, a leopard — with its spots suitably changed.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR BLACKWELL,
Bryn Awen, Fron Heulog,
Bwlchgwyn, Nr Wrexham.
May 2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 7: The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, this evening attended the Fortieth Anniversary Dinner of the Tiger Club at the Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London W1.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited Cynthia Spencer House, Manfield Health Campus, Northampton.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children which was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh, The Right Hon The Lord Provost Eric Milligan.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 7: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited GKN Westland Aerospace Limited, Columbine Works, East Cowes and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (Mr Christopher Bland).

His Royal Highness this afternoon met members of the local business community at the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Castle, Cowes, and later visited Pilatus Britten-Norman Limited, Bembridge Airport, Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 7: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon received Mr John Baker upon his appointment as Chairman of English National Opera.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening opened the William Morris Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of the Order of the British Empire in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as freeman and liveryman, will attend the Fishmongers' Company court ladies' dinner at Fishmongers' Hall at 7.20.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Ocean Youth Club, will attend a private view of nautical pictures and memorabilia at Christie's South Kensington at 6.00.

The Princess Royal will open the new Newmarket Hospital, at 9.25; as Patron of the Animal Health Trust, will attend The Princess Royal's Industry Committee meeting, open the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association Centre for Small Animal Studies and attend the council of management annual meeting at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, at 11.00; and, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will visit Bury St Edmunds bureau, 6 St John's Street, at 3.45. Later, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the industry committee dinner at the Dorchester hotel at 7.30.

Princess Margaret, as President of the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will open the society's Coventry children's centre at 76 Whitefriars Street, at 2.25; and will attend a performance by the Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Birmingham Hippodrome at 7.20 in aid of the society.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new surgical block at St Michael's Hospital, Trelissick Road, Hayle, Cornwall, at 11.50; will open the new extension at Duchy Hospital, Treliske, Truro, at 1.00; as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will visit the Asthma Information Centre at St Austell at 2.50; and will attend a presentation at John Keay House, Tegonissey Road, at 3.00 given by members of the Asthma Task Team in Cornwall.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open the new manufacturing factory of Kitagawa Europe, Dolphin Road Industrial Estate, Southampton Road, Salisbury, at 11.15; will visit Shelwork Industries Sheltered Workshop, Southampton Road, at 12.15; and will visit the Wilton Carpet Factory, Wilton, at 1.55.

The Duchess of Kent will present the Royal Philharmonic Society music awards at the Dorchester hotel at 11.10.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Louth County Hospital, High Holme Road, Louth, at 2.35; and will open the offices of the Lincolnshire Rural Housing Association at Markime House, Poole's Lane, Spilsby, at 3.50.

Memorial concert

Lancing College

The Choir of Lancing College will perform music by Gabrieli, Monteverdi and Fauré (the Requiem Mass) at St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton, on May 14, at 7.30pm. The concert, which is part of the Brighton Festival, is dedicated to the memory of four distinguished former music teachers at Lancing: John Alston, Tracey Chadwell, Philip Challis and Christopher Headington. Tickets can be obtained from the Dome Box Office, 29 New Road, Brighton. (01273-709709).

Italian Cultural Institute

An Interfaith Dialogue meeting was held yesterday at the Italian Cultural Institute, 39 Belgrave Square, SW1. Those present were: Mr Shmuel Hadas, Ambassador of Israel to the Holy See, Lord Weidenfeld, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, the Rev Wilbert Forker (Templeton Foundation), Mrs Saba Risaluddin (Calamus Foundation), Rabbi H Gryn, Rabbi J Magonet, the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, and Mrs Ruth Weyl.

Flying bishop gets his wings

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Church of England's only genuine flying bishop is to be the next Bishop of Peterborough. The Right Rev Ian Cundy is a qualified pilot, and a strong supporter of women priests. He succeeds the Right Rev Bill Westwood.

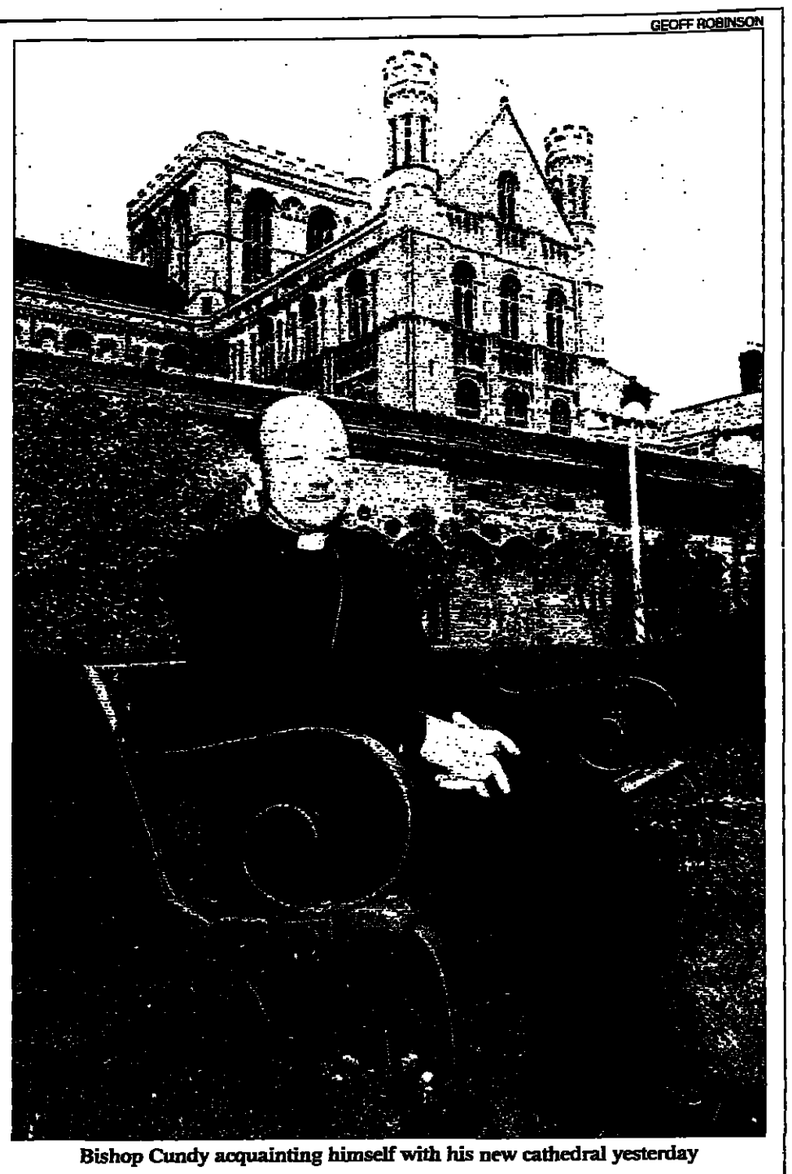
As Suffragan Bishop of Lewes, East Sussex, his special theological interest has been how to present the Gospel in a credible way to a post-modern world.

Bishop Cundy, who is married with two sons who are at university and a 13-year-old daughter, was born in Dorset and read maths and theology at Cambridge. He was awarded an RAF flying scholarship at Monkton Combe School in Bath and qualified as a pilot before he had learnt to drive.

Bishop Cundy, the only one of three bishops in his present Chichester diocese to support women priests, did not ordain them there out of respect for the majority view among clergy in the diocese. He is a keen student of the Reformation and organised the Cranmer conference in Durham in 1989 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Cranmer.

Bishop Cundy, an evangelical, said: "I bring a concern for mission, for making the best use of resources in a rural area. I also have a concern to make the Church the focus for the worship of God in every parish."

GEOFF ROBINSON



Bishop Cundy acquainting himself with his new cathedral yesterday

Birthdays today

Sir David Attenborough, CH, naturalist, 70; Lord Blyth of Rowington, 56; Sir Philip Carter, former chairman, Merseyside Development Corporation, 69; Mr Jack Charlton, football manager, 61; Sir Anthony Dawson, former Physician to the Queen, 68; Sir Ian Denholm, former president, General Council of British Shipping, 69; Miss Viviana Durante, ballerina, 29; Viscount Falkland, 61; Miss Heather Harper, soprano, 66; Lord Justice Hoffmann, 62; Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, 71; Mr D.W. Kendall, chairman, Meyer International, 61; Mr Norman Lamont, MP, 54; Father Graham Leonard, 75; Mr Maurice Lindsay, chief executive, Rugby Football League, 55; Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, 49; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 82; Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, 60; Dr John Reid, MP, 49; Mr Dennis Scard, trade unionist, 53; Mr Johnny Searle, rower, 27; Mr Alastair Service, chairman, Wiltshire Health Authority, 63; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, 59; Mr David Sole, rugby player, 34; Mr Nicholas Vigors, racehorse trainer, 49; Mr Justice Waterhouse, 70.

Queen opens private home to the public

By Rachel Kelly, Property Correspondent

FROGMORE HOUSE, one of the Queen's most private homes in Windsor, Berkshire, will be open to the public next week in aid of Barnado's, the children's charity.

The Queen agrees to open the house and gardens, which are normally closed to the public, to selected charities a couple of times a year.

The estate first came into royal ownership during the reign of Henry VIII. But it was not until 1792, when the house was bought by Queen Charlotte, consort to George III, that the house and gardens began to take shape.

Work on the gardens began in 1793 by Major William Price. He transformed the narrow stream running through the grounds into a lake, while Queen Charlotte's love of rare and unusual plants found expression in the garden's exotic collection.

James Wyatt was responsible for extensive adaptations to the house during the same period and designed the Gothic ruin which can be seen today. The Tea House was built in Queen Victoria's favourite corner of the garden, which also houses the Indian Kiosk, built of white marble.

Its orientalism contrasts with the dark backdrop of cedar and wellingtonia. "All is peace and quiet and you can only hear the hum of the bees, the singing of the birds," Queen Victoria once wrote.

The gardens will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm and tickets can be bought from special events at Barnado's (0181 550 8822). Entry will cost £2.50 and tickets will be available on the day.

Historic Houses Association

Mr Richard Wilkin has been appointed Director-General-designate of the Historic Houses Association in succession to Mr Terry Empson, who is to retire later this year. Mr Empson will continue as a consultant to the association.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alain René Le Sage, novelist, Sarzeau, Brittany, 1668; Giovanni Paisiello, composer, Taranto, Italy, 1741; Thomas Hancock, pioneer of the rubber industry, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1786; Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross, Geneva, 1828; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1873; Harry S. Truman, 33rd American President 1945-53, Lamar, Missouri, 1884; Sidney James, actor, Johannesburg, 1914; Sonny Liston, boxer, Arkansas, 1932.

DEATHS: John Stuart Mill, philosopher, Avignon, 1873; Gustave Flaubert, novelist, Croisset, France, 1880; Paul Gauguin, painter, Atuana, Marquesas Islands, 1903; Eadweard Muybridge, photographer and pioneer of the study of animal locomotion, Kingston upon Thames, 1904; Harry Gordon Selfridge, founder of the London store, London, 1947; Emmanuel Shinwell, Baron Shinwell, statesman, London, 1986.

The British monarchy was restored, 1660.

Afrikaans became the official language of South Africa, 1924.

VE-Day, 1945.

Luncheons

Institute of Physics

Dr C.A.P. Foxell presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Goring Hotel for representatives of the Institute of Physics Corporate Affiliate Companies. Ms Barbara Beckett was the speaker.

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission

Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr, the American Ambassador, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday at the Glaziers' Hall by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission in honour of British Marshall Scholars completing their awards. Dr Robert Stevens, Chairman of the Commission, presided. Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, also spoke.

Reception

Monckton Chambers

A reception was held at The Great Hall, Gray's Inn, in honour of Jeremy Lever, QC, and David Kemp, QC, to mark their retirement as practising barristers from Monckton Chambers, 4 Raymond Buildings. Amongst those present were:

Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, Lord Borrie, QC, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Lady Neill, Mr Graeme Odgers and John Swift, QC, and Mrs Swift.

Dinner

The British Antique Dealers' Association

The President of the British Antique Dealers' Association, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, presided at the London dinner held on Thursday at Armoury House. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, was the principal guest.

Women's Corona Society

Professor Sir Ghillean Prance, FRS, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, presided and gave the keynote address at a Women's Corona Society conference held yesterday at Kew. Dr Ronald Keay, Miss Sue Minter, Director of the Chelsea Physic Garden, Mr Brian Mathew, Mr Humphrey Birkill and Mr Noel Kingsbury were the speakers.

Schools news

St Mary's School, Ascot

St Mary's Ascot Old Girls Association

St Mary's Ascot Old Girls are reminded that Families Day and the Chapel Centenary Celebrations will take place at the School on Saturday, May 11, starting at 2.30pm. The Right Rev Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth, will celebrate Mass of the Sunday at 5.30pm. All Old Girls and their families are welcome.

Scholarships and Awards

The Sixth Form Science Scholarship for 1996 has been awarded to Emma Latham, St Mary's School, Ascot. The 1996 St Mary's School Music Scholarship has been won by Catherine Armour of Queen Mary's School, Thirsk. The Ascot Old Girls Association Sixth Form Bursary for 1996 has been awarded to Clara Gormley also of Queen Mary's School, Thirsk.

Walhampton School, Lymington, Hampshire

The Governors of Walhampton School have appointed Mr Adrian Gobat, at present The Master of Hurstpierpoint College Junior School, as Headmaster of Walhampton School, to succeed Mr Andrew Robinson who is retiring.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.R.P. Baring and Miss M.V. Stanton

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr Thomas Baring and the Hon Mrs Sarah Baring, and Marianne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Stanton.

Mr T-M.J. Li and Miss M.M.S. Chan

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on May 25, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London, between John, son of Dr and Mrs Ting Man Li, of Curzon Park, Chester, and Sylvia, daughter of Mrs Hock Hwa Chan, of Singapore.

Mr N.A. Lloyd and Miss C.A. More Gordon

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Mr Albert Lloyd and of Mrs A.V. Lloyd, of Llangollen, Clwyd, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin More Gordon, of Whimple, Devon.

Mr A.J. Wilkinson and Miss K.E. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Joe, son of Mr and Mrs Ashley Wilkinson, of Duriston Farm, Chesterfield, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harrison, of Enfield, Middlesex.

Marriage

Mr H. Dubourcq and Miss G. Hunter-Jones

The marriage took place on May 4, at St Giles-in-the-Fields, between Mr Hilaire Dubourcq and Miss Georgina Hunter-Jones. A reception was held at Skinners' Hall.

Latest wills

The Rt Hon Harold, Lord Lever of Manchester, PC, of London SW1, former Labour MP for Manchester Central, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1974-79, left estate valued at £1,015,529 net.

Mrs Margaret Carolyn Courtenay, of London W4 — Margaret Courtenay, the actress — left estate valued at £124,826 net.

Brigadier Walter Michael Wingate Gray, OBE, MC and Bar, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, former director of the Special Air Service (SAS), left estate valued at £154,559 net.

He left £2,000 to the Black Watch Association, and £1,500 to the Special Air Service Regimental Association Benevolent Fund.

Mr George Frederick Yates, of London SW3, left esatte valued at £2,326,606 net.

Other wills include, net before tax:

Mr Lewis Anderson, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire £922,186
Mr Henry Lewis Balmer, of Houghton le Spring, Tyne and Wear £808,541
Mrs Margaret Cardwell, of Lancaster £898,206
Mrs Sheila Margaret Coutts, of Norwich, Norfolk £650,099
Mr Henry Boyton Fraser, of Dorchester, Dorset £771,847
Mr John Frank William Grover, of Shroton, Dorset £602,609
Mr Francis Robert Kerry, of Drakelow, Derbyshire, greetings card publisher £867,997
Eva Knowles, of Tong, West Yorkshire £735,850
Mr Neville Morley Ling, of How Caple, Herefordshire £904,206
Mr George Bates Mason, of Loxley, Warwickshire ... £2,008,689
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Mr John Ashton Norgate, of Newbury, Berkshire £1,388,289
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ADAMSON - On 3rd May, 1996 at Trellisk, to Georgina (née Robertson) and Stuart, a son Alexander George Penrose.

AKHTAR - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Mindy and Zab a lovely son Raoul, a baby brother for Kirk and Kieran.

APPLETON - On 19th April 1996, to Julia and Mark, a son George Christian Thomas.

AYLETT - On May 1st at the Portland Hospital, to Debbie and Robert a beautiful daughter Amelia, a sister for Jessica Rose.

BAGGS - On 7th May 1996 at 12.03pm in the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital to Edwina Collier and John Baggs a perfect baby boy weighing 8lbs 13oz.

CASEY - On April 26th 1996 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Alison (née Emsden) and Adrian, a daughter, Isabel Eleanor Catherine, a sister for Emily, Sophie and Flora.

COHN - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa Pevaroff - Cohn and Gary Cohn a beautiful daughter Chelsea, sister for Chloe and Melanie

COLE - On May 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Alyssa (née Picariello) and Simon, beautiful twins Daisy and Charles

De NIEFFE - On May 5th, to Elizabeth (née Killick) and Patrick, a son, Alexander Luke Patrick.

HORTON - On May 2nd 1996 to Sophie (née Pearson) and Andrew, a son Frederick Charles, a brother for George.

HUGHES - Richard and Emma are ecstatic to announce the birth of their son Patrick John Beynon on 1st May 1996 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

JUNKO - On April 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Mariko Murakami and Masaya a beautiful lovely first daughter. Yuka.

MORGAN - To Daniel and Alice (née Reid) on 4th May 1996, a son Frederick Mark Edward.

NESBITT - On 2nd May 1996 to John and Francesca a daughter, Louisa Heba.

BIRTHS

PALFREYMAN - On April 20th, to Tricia (née Davis) and James, a daughter, Stephanie Mary Judith, a sister for Amelia.

REYNOLDS - On May 3rd at Queen Charlotte's, Chiswick to Serena (née Scott-Adie) and Paul, a son William Alexander Scott-Adie, a brother for Jamie and Georgia.

RICHARDS - Elizabeth Marie on May 9th 1996, at The Portland Hospital, a truly adorable daughter to Jeanette and Paul Richards, and a sister to Natalie and Thomas.

SANDS - On May 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Moss) and Steven a daughter Mia Charlotte, a sister for Joshua and Robert.

SHORTHOUSE - On April 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Cathy and Dominic, a son Thomas.

TOMLINSON - On 6th May 1996 to Jane (née Packer) and David, a son Samuel Charles, a brother for Alice and Lucy.

TOMMEY - On 30th April, to Polly (née Barber) and Jonathan, a son, William James Oliver, a brother for Isabella.

DEATHS

ACHESON - Suddenly on May 4th 1996, Charles Anthony Acheson, Airlie, by Kirriemuir, A much loved husband of 8a, and a loving father, stepfather and grandfather. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in Airlie Church on Saturday May 11th at 3.00 pm. No flowers please.

BRAMWYCHE - Peter Lionel on May 7th peacefully at home aged 75. Much loved husband of Gay and stepfather of Colleen. Funeral private, no flowers. Donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Earl & Co., Abbeymarle Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0HE.

BULGER - His Honour Anthony Clare on 6th May peacefully at home. Funeral Service at Forthampton Church at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 15th May. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

CHRISTOPHERSON - On May 3rd 1996, peacefully at home, Katherine Beatrice (Kay) dearly loved wife of John, much loved mother of Michael and Helen, fond grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at The Chapel, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey on Monday May 13th at 3pm. Family flowers only.

COLDWELL - On 4th May, peacefully at home, in Godalming, Surrey, surrounded by her family, Sheelah Evelyn, aged 78. Widow of Brian Rose, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, formerly of Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. Addiestone, Cheltenham and Hassocks. Funeral Service at 1pm on 10th May at Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in her memory to Marie Curie Cancer Care or St. Luke's Cancer Appeal, c/o Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.

DAWES - Professor Geoffrey Sharman C.B.E., F.R.S., Emeritus Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford on Monday 6th May peacefully. Private family funeral Friday 10th May. No flowers but donations to Save the Children Fund. Memorial Service at a future date to be announced.

DE LAS CASAS - Peggy, (née Macdonald), on May 3rd 1996 peacefully after a long illness very bravely borne, beloved wife and friend of the late Os, loved mother and grandmother of Theresa, Peter, Maxwell and Alexander. Funeral Service at St. Mary and St. Peter's Church, Jersey on Friday 10th May at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Jersey Hospice Care c/o Mr I. Richardson, Boads & Co. 1 Seaton Place, PO Box 641 St Helier, Jersey JE4 8YJ. H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors Tel: (01534) 57291.

DEATHS

DURLING - Margaret (née Bamford), Widow of Hubert, aged 86. On Sunday May 5th 1996 peacefully in Tewkesbury, Glos. Dearly loved mother of Jane, Ann, Sally, and Oliver, a devoted grandmother, and friend to many. Family service at Cheltenham Crematorium. A Service of Thanksgiving at St. Giles Church, Bredon on Friday 10th May at 3.30pm. A service will be held at St Peters Church, Ightham, Kent at a later date. No flowers please, but donations to the British Heart Foundation or The Diabetic Association.

FIELDING - Frances Adelaide, on Saturday 4th May, peacefully after a short illness, at Market Lavington, Wiltshire in her 90th year. Wife of the late R. B. Fielding of Okehurst, Billingshurst, mother of Daphne and Jeannie, grandmother of Emma, Caspar and the late Oliver, Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Bilingshurst on Monday 13th May at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham Tel: 01403 254590.

GILLESPIE - Jean Isabella died May 4th 1996 at The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. Beloved wife of Ian, loving mother of Jane, John, Alison and Isobel and devoted grandmother. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday May 16th 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Friends of Yeatman Hospital c/o W.S. Brister & Sons, Funeral Directors, 100 Lenthay Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 6AG.

GOADBY - Kathleen Mary peacefully on Tuesday 7th May aged 96 of Blockley. Dear friend of Clare Spurgin and much loved as "Aunty Bill" to Michael and Jane and many others. Private Cremation. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Memorial Service later.

GRAHAM - On April 30th peacefully at his home, aged 92, Eric Charles. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on May 14th at 2.30. Floral Tributes to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU by 10am please. A Service of Thanksgiving in Cumberland is to be arranged.

DEATHS

GREGSON - ELLIS - On May 5th, 1996, peacefully in the loving care of St. George's Retreat, Gwynneth. No flowers but donations if wished to Mayfield P.C.C. for restoration of Lady Chapel Window Fund c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough (01892) 656000.

HARDCASTLE - On Saturday May 4th at home at Constable Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, Major Sydney William Hardcastle R.A., aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Marye, dearly loved father of Paul, Margaret, Anton, Mariana and Elizabeth and a very dear father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service and interment at St Simon and St Jude's R.C. Church Ulshaw, on Thursday May 9th at 3 pm. Donations if desired to Save the Children c/o Sanderson & Co F/D, St Matthews Works, Leyburn, North Yorks. DL8 5EG. Friends please meet at the Church. R.I.P.

HARRIS - On May 4th, peacefully in Kent and Canterbury Hospital after a short illness, Brig. The Revd. Charles Edwin Lawrence (John) Harris, in his 100th year, of Sutton-by-Dover. Much loved and sadly missed by Margaret and all the family. All enquiries to J Dinot Smith & Son, Funeral Directors. (01304) 812800.

HODGES - On 5th May in Winchester Geoffrey Ambrose Lt.Cdr. RNVR (Ret'd.) G.M. aged 87 peacefully after a period of declining health, husband of the late Evie, father of Harley and grandfather of Hugo and Georgina, brother of Kit. Private cremation to be followed by a Memorial Service on a date to be announced. All enquiries to H.H. on (0171) 734 7409.

JOHNSTON - Mary on May 2nd 1996 peacefully at Trinity Hospice. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday May 10th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side SW4 ORN.

DEATHS

LUCE - Gwynneth peacefully on 7th May 1996. Beloved wife of the late Brig. E.L. (Ted) Luce. Memorial service 3.30pm Friday 17th May at Sutton Veny Church. By her request no flowers but if desired donations to: The Margaret Luce Centre, Herbert House, Bemerton, Wilts.

LYNE - Francis (Frank) Arthur at home on 6th May, 1996 aged 83 years. Much loved husband of Barbara and beloved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Sonning on Thames at 2 p.m. on Monday 13th May. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Sue Ryder Foundation may be sent to A.B. Walker and Son Limited, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DE.

MEITCALFE - Michael F.R.I.B.A. On May 6th 1996, aged 74 years. Suddenly but peacefully at home after a happy day in his garden. Very much loved husband of Biddy and a dear father and grandfather. Private family funeral. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. No flowers please but donations if desired may be made to The Royal British Legion' (Pangbourne Branch) and sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL.

MONTGOMERIE - Josephine (née Leeman), on May 1st at Lane End House, Ensworth, aged 86. Dearly loved widow of Flying Officer Christopher Chope (1940) and of Sheriff Clarke Reid (1986) and of Gerald Montgomerie (1972), loving mother of Sarah Thompson and Anne Haigh, granny and great-granny. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Compton, W. Sussex on Friday May 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

NICOL - Peacefully at The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow on 5th May 1996, William Nicol C.B.E., B.Sc., Hon D.Ed. Late Chairman and Managing Director of Craig Nicol Ltd. Beloved and loving husband of Margaret, much loved father of Christine, David and Peter and a dear father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service at Merrylee Parish Church Glasgow on Friday 10th May commencing at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Carlton Place, Glasgow.

DEATHS

PARKER - Beryl A.E.R. Peacefully on 4th May. Dearly loved wife of Dr M.T. Parker, mother of David and Judith, grandmother of Emma, Jonathan and Rachel. Private funeral at Beckenham Crematorium at 9.30 a.m. on 10th May. No flowers please, but donations in lieu to Shelter, c/o Francis Chappell and Sons, 238 High Street, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1EN.

PAYNE - On May 6th peacefully, Reverend Victor Harold Payne, aged 68 years. Much loved husband of Pat, father of Julia and Sue. Service at All Saints Church Sanderstead on Friday May 10th at 11 am. No flowers, but donations for St Christopher's Hospice, may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George Street, Croydon.

RANDOLPH - On Saturday 4th May, peacefully at home in France, John Nicholas eldest and much loved son of Ripsy Randolph and the late Peter Randolph C.B.E. of Denham Village, Bucks.

RAYMOND-WAY - Mary Helen on 24th April, peacefully after a long illness courageously borne. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May at St. John the Baptist Church, Aldbury. Enquiries to R. Metcalfe Funeral Services, 18a High St., Tring, Herts 01442 828594

SPEELMAN - Louis. On Sunday 5th May 1996, adored husband of Meryl and much loved father of Shirley, Susan and Carole, died in Florida. Cremation Sunday 12th May, Golders Green Crematorium at 12 noon.

URWIN - On May 2nd, Tricia (née Lang) after a three year battle with breast cancer, wonderful mother of Katy, Anthony and Annie, amazing wife to Roger. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Breakthrough/Breast Cancer. Private Funeral Mass on May 8th. Thanksgiving Service on May 18th.

DEATHS

WHITFIELD - On May 3rd 1996 at Birmingham Nuffield Hospital, Barbara, beloved wife of the late Professor George Whitfield and much loved mother of Jane Walter. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield at 12 noon on Monday May 13th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses, c/o Ian Hazel Funerals, 5 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA. 0121 308 2288.

WOODGER - Lindsey Kay (née Stanley). Loving mother of Kate, Mark and Helen. Died on 4th May 1996 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, after a short illness. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis and Multiple Sclerosis and MacMillan Nurses may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 86 Unthank Road, Norwich.

WYNESS - Millicent (née Beeton) born in Banffshire, Scotland died May 5th 1996 in her 90th year. Widow of Dr. James Wyness, much loved mother of Lesley Birkett, James Wyness and Wendy Johnson, mother-in-law of Jo and Roger, grandmother of Fiona, Victoria, Kirsten, Ruth and Robert; Rachel, Emily and Jeannie; Anna, Rosamund and Laura and great-grandmother of three. Funeral at St George's Church, Stockport at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. Funeral Directors G.W. Turner, 125 Old Chapel Street, Edgeley, Stockport.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRAIN - A Memorial Service will be held for Stanley H. Brain, M.B.E. at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, London, SE1 on Tuesday 21st May, 1996 at 11 am and afterwards at The Claridge Hall.

MORRIS - The Memorial Service for John Desmond Morris will be held at 12 Noon on Monday 3rd June 1996 at St Paul's Church Wilton Place Knightsbridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TURNBULL - A Memorial Servcie for James Turnbull will be held at St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate EC2, Tuesday May 28th at 12 noon.

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OBITUARIES

BERYL BURTON

Beryl Burton, OBE, international cyclist, died after falling from her bicycle on May 5 aged 58. She was born on May 12, 1937.



The cycling Burtons: Beryl, left, with husband Charlie and daughter Denise

DETERMINED in her aims, but modest in her claims of success, Beryl Burton reigned over women's cycling in this country and on the international stage for more than a quarter of a century. Indeed she could compete with men on more than equal terms as her beating the British men's record for a 12-hour time trial in 1967 testifies. This pre-eminence over such a long period in a field of activity which makes relentless demands on physique surely has no parallel in any other branch of sport.

Burton was five times world 3,000-metre pursuit champion and twice world road racing champion, besides winning innumerable national titles in pursuit, bunched road racing and road time trials. Had women's cycling been an Olympic event during her career it seems inconceivable that she would not have added Olympic Games medals to her other trophies, so complete was her dominance of cycling at her peak. But women's Olympic cycling was not introduced until 1988 (and the 3,000 metres pursuit not until 1992) by which time she was in her fifties, and inevitably some way past her best. Men's cycling had been part of the Olympic Games since their modern reincarnation at Athens in 1896.

Yet Burton was a woman whose world renown never affected the friendships she made on wheels. In spite of the cluster of honours she garnered in her long career (she had ridden competitively as recently last October in the time trials centenary celebrations) she remained in essence the down-to-earth Yorkshire club cyclist she had been since taking up the sport in her teens.

Her life was steeped in cycle racing. Her husband Charlie gave up a promising cycling career of his own to nurture hers. Her daughter Denise also became a highly competitive cyclist, and mother and child were both selected to represent Britain at the 1972 world championships in Barcelona. Only recently she and Denise were out together, winning a team prize in a local time trial. It was a career which exemplified the hard, and until so recently largely unsung, sport of women's cycling.

Beryl Charnock was born in Leeds. As a child she fought chronic ill-health. She suffered from St Vitus's dance and then rheumatic fever kept her in hospital and in a convalescent home for 15 months. She had difficulty with her speech and was temporarily paralysed down one side of her body. All this affected her education and she left school at 15 and went to work.

She met Charlie Burton, her husband-to-be, when she started her first job in Leeds. It was he who introduced her to serious cycling, quickly spotting her potential and giving up his own competitive targets to act as her trainer. They were married in 1955 when she was 17. In 1957 she came second in the national 100-mile championship, a feat which immediately announced to the world that a young cyclist of quality had arrived on the scene. Two years later she won the first of her five gold medals for the 3,000 metres individual pursuit, a feat repeated in 1960, 1962, 1963 and 1966. In addition she was three times a silver and three times a bronze medallist in this event.

Even though technology has improved the performance of machines, no woman has ridden faster than Burton at 25 miles (1976, 53 min 21 sec), 50 miles (1976, 1 hour 51 min 30 sec), 100 miles (1968, 3 hours 55 min 05 sec) and 12 hours (1967, 277.25 miles), and no British woman has won a world track pursuit title since Burton's last championship victory 30 years ago. Her 1967 assault on the 12-hour time trial was the more remarkable for the fact that she was pitted against men, and the distance she covered in that time was 5¾ miles further than the British men's record at that time. Cycling folklore has it that as she passed the leading man she offered him a stick of liquorice as "the poor dear seemed to be struggling a bit".

In this competitive atmosphere it was hardly surprising that her daughter Denise, born in 1956, received her introduction to cycling from the rear seat of her mother's bicycle. Burton always said that during the pregnancy she "only gave up cycling for the three months that the bump stopped me from squeezing behind the handlebars". As a family trio the Burtons cycled the country for pleasure and established an annual Christmas celebration spent in local youth hostels.

In 1978 she was seriously injured when she was knocked of her bicycle and broke her right leg and shoulderblade as well as suffering lacerations to her face which necessitated 56 stitches. To most it would have been a signal to hang up the cycle clips, but she came back to continue competing. As recently as last month she was revelling in the discipline for which she was best known: time trials, unpaced out-and-back competition against the clock at which she so excelled, and which is accepted by cyclists everywhere as "the race of truth". She collapsed on a ride, although the exact cause of her subsequent death was not initially clear.

Beryl Burton was appointed MBE in 1964 and advanced to OBE in 1968. She is survived by her husband and daughter.

AI QING

Ai Qing, Chinese poet, died on May 5 aged 86. He was born on March 27, 1910.



ALTHOUGH Ai Qing had, inevitably for a Communist poet in China, to bend the knee and abase his art to the service of an imaginatively sterile political philosophy, he was, as verse written in his more private moments attests, capable of better than this. Had he been lucky enough to die as early as his distinguished predecessors, Hsu Chi-mo and Wen I-to, his reputation might have stood higher.

But they escaped the cancer (creatively speaking) of Communism, while he had to live through it in its most rabid form in the Maoist period with its violent ideological mood swings. Hence, though his imaginative faculties remained alive, and his perception of the sufferings endured by ordinary Chinese people was always acute, he had to do much unsavoury tub-thumping in print.

But at its (rare) best his verse has power. It is imbued with the sour honesty of a sensibility which can see that vast tracts of humanity are entrapped in monstrous lies, and that all their sufferings will be in vain. This, if it is a somewhat negative one, is his achievement, one not easy to understand to those of us who have not had to endure the inescapable grip of physical and ideological tyranny.

Jiang Haicheng (Ai Qing was a pseudonym) was born into a well-to-do family in the Zheihang province of China. Fantastic as it seems now, because of a fortune-teller's assertion that he had been born to harm his parents, he was banished from home and sent to be nursed by a poor peasant woman. This outrageously unjust condemnation of an innocent life gave him, ever afterwards, a hatred of the superstitious side of the Chinese mentality and helped to propel him towards Communism with its comfortable rationality.

At the same time he held his wet-nurse in special esteem and never lost his compassion for those of the poor who were in circumstances like hers.

Nevertheless, he had a decent education and after leaving school studied painting at Hangzhou Institute of Fine Arts. Later, his father sent him to Paris to study modern art. In the three years that he was there he became quite Westernised, learnt French and English, and made an extensive acquaintance with such early modernist poets as Walt Whitman, Rimbaud, the Belgian Emile Verhaeren, and the Soviet poets Sergei Yesenin and Vladimir Mayakovsky.

He also became, to all intents and purposes, a Stalinist — which was eventually to cause his work to decline in quality. The most decisive influence upon him was Walt Whitman, whose techniques of repetition and syntactical parallelism he brought into Chinese poetry.

When Ai Qing returned to China in 1932 he was almost immediately arrested by the police of the French Concession in Shanghai for, as they put it, "harbouring dangerous thoughts", in other words, for being a radical (he had joined the League of Leftwing Artists on his arrival there).

He was thrown in jail where he remained until October 1935. But in 1933, in his prison cell, he wrote the narrative poem *Ta-Yen-Ho*, which was dedicated to his peasant wet-nurse. It and he became famous throughout radical China through the powerful feelings the poem expressed for the sufferings and endurance of common people. In Julia Lin's English version, part of its final stanza reads:

Ta-Yen-Ho, today your child is in jail,
Writing this song of praise dedicated to you...
Dedicated to everyone on earth who resembled my nurse Ta-Yen-Ho who loved me as her very own.

His poem *Northland* (1938) was written after his release from prison, while he was travelling to join the Communists. In it, the poet's bleakness is under strict control, and he achieves a stark simplicity.

When the Japanese invaded China in the 1930s Ai Qing became a leading war poet. Not all of this poetry is of high quality. It is, as one would expect, declamatory, intended to steel the spirits of the young for the twin tasks of resisting the invader and moving forward the Communist revolutionary process.

Yet some of it is plain and moving, expressing the outrage of a wronged people. The culmination of his career as a poet of the Communist faction in China came with the appearance of *He Died A Second Time*, which is in effect a Chinese version of Walt Whitman's American Civil War hospital poems.

Ai Qing had officially joined the Communist Party in 1941. From then until 1945 he taught literature at the Lu Xun Academy. From then onwards, with the victory of the Communists, his verse became inevitably more trite in its Marxist and Maoist subject matter. What he really wanted to say was reserved for his more private free verse.

Poems in praise of Mao and Stalin were, after the latter's death, followed by poetical denunciations of Stalin. The purges of 1957 sent him into a silence which lasted two decades. But in recent years his work (if not always the best of it) has been rehabilitated.

Latterly he had been allowed to travel abroad, visiting Berlin in 1979, where he wrote *Qiang* (The Wall), Rome and Paris.

He is survived by his wife, Gao Qing, five sons and three daughters.

JOHN McARTHUR

John McArthur, malariologist and microscopist, died on April 26 aged 94. He was born on November 9, 1901.

A FORMER director of the Ross Institute once praised John McArthur for having done "the most brilliant work" on malaria since the great Sir Ronald Ross proved that the disease is transmitted by mosquitoes. Part of this work was done with the aid of a revolutionary pocket microscope, designed and made by McArthur himself, which incorporated the only radical innovation in the construction of light microscopes since Galileo's day.

John Norris McArthur was born in Glasgow and studied medicine at University College London with the intention of becoming a medical missionary, but, distracted by a love affair, failed his final exams. His father sent him to Brazil to get over it. He spent a couple of months trekking through jungle, living off the land, and hunting fish with bows and arrows. When he came back, he immediately married the girl whom he had fallen in love with, before going on to qualify as a doctor.

His plans for a missionary life were frustrated, so he went instead as a medical officer to a diamond mining company in Sierra Leone. This was a disaster and within a year he was sent home, despairing at his failure. He believed his dismissal was because of the fact that he and his wife were too intimate with the natives: "They (the mining engineers) treated them like animals. I treated them like friends. We used to ask them up onto the veranda for tea."

McArthur's next venture was much more successful. In 1938 he was sent as a malaria research officer to British North Borneo where the disease was rife. At that time there was one particular mosquito, *Anopheles maculatus*, which was regarded as the chief vector of malaria in the country. But McArthur found this theory flawed, not least because the insect was prolific in places where the incidence of malaria was low.

Painstaking and imaginative research proved that the true culprit was another species, *Anopheles leucosphyrus*, which all the textbooks described as harmless. This insect bred in deeply shaded jungle streams, so McArthur had the simple idea that malaria control in Borneo could be achieved by clearing a strip of jungle around settlements and letting the sunlight in. He had cleared about half of the breeding places in the area under study when the Japanese arrived. That same day his son was born.

McArthur and his family were ordered to report to the capital. He had written up all his work ready for publication and he decided to parcel up the precious manuscript, together with a letter to a Japanese doctor with whom he had made professional contact, hoping to get it into his hands for safe keeping. But when they arrived at the capital he was arrested, his wife and child being put in a convent while he was imprisoned in a cell. In the small hours soldiers arrived demanding the surrender of all reading matter, pens and paper. McArthur had to hand over his manuscript. He asked for it to be given to the medical officer, but the soldiers gathered everything together and burnt the lot.

Six weeks later McArthur was released and told he could continue his research so long as he agreed "not to make spy". A friendly Japanese civilian official arranged for him to travel back to his research outpost to collect his notes and records. Back in the capital he produced fresh copies of the crucial manuscript which had been burnt. One of these he hid in an old oak chest.

But his freedom was not to last for long. The authorities became nervous and McArthur and his family were shipped off to internment in another part of the country. Everything had to be abandoned, including the old oak chest.



After the Japanese surrender McArthur discovered that his doctor friend had stored the chest in a clinic, but Allied bombs had reduced the building and surroundings to rubble. Amazingly a search by Japanese prisoners recovered bits of the chest and a soggy bundle of paper from a flooded bomb crater. This was the vital record, and after the pages had been separated and dried all the writing became legible.

McArthur returned to North Borneo after the war and was able to show that jungle clearance did indeed dramatically reduce the incidence of malaria, but later the World Health Organisation took over the Borneo work. McArthur wanted the WHO to compare the efficacy of his clearance technique with the results of spraying huts with DDT, but the WHO would not agree and insisted that spraying was to be the only method used. He came home, in his own words, "broken-hearted". Disillusioned, he decided to devote the rest of his career to promoting and improving his beloved microscope.

He had made his first instrument while a medical student, having thought how splendid it would be to have one which could easily be carried around and used in difficult situations. His simple but brilliant idea was to "fold" the traditional microscope light tube within the boundaries of a box by the use of prisms. He already owned an eye-piece and an objective and bought a couple of prisms for fourpence in the old Caledonian Market. The housing was a block of wood hollowed out with a penknife.

Since then the McArthur microscope, about the size of a pack of 20 cigarettes, has undergone many modifications and improvements and has been handled by various manufacturers, but never to the inventor's total satisfaction. A model was taken on the expedition that conquered Everest and another accompanied Fuchs to the South Pole. When, in 1970, the Open University wanted 900 microscopes quickly for biology students, McArthur devised a version which was manufactured in bulk at a cost to the OU of just over £15 a piece. He won a Design Council award for this.

But despite the warm appreciation of many of his fellow professionals, and despite the clutch of awards he received, including an honorary doctorate from the Open University and an honorary life membership of the Linnean Society, McArthur felt that neither his malarial research nor his microscope had received the recognition or the use which they deserved.

John McArthur's first wife, Kitty, died in 1952. He is survived by his second wife, Ruth, and by a son from his first marriage and a son and daughter from his second.

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CHANGING ENGLAND

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, — During the next few weeks we shall differ on so many problems of public importance, that we gladly take an opportunity of showing that on one subject we speak with a united voice — namely, in advocating the preservation of our countryside in its rich personality and character. We do this with full confidence that the development which is requisite in many forms can and should be directed with thoughtful and scrupulous attention to the charm of our land. Apart from the natural beauties of hill and plain, of cliff, river and lake, much of this beauty is the direct result of bygone development and enterprise; and in these days when methods of planning and the appreciation of trees and landscape are more widely studied than ever before, we ought to be able so to effect necessary changes as to avoid injuring a precious heritage. We wish, therefore, to endorse the appeal being made for funds to assist this worthy movement.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,
STANLEY BALDWIN.
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The Council for the Preservation of Rural England, 17, Great Marlborough-street, W.1.

ON THIS DAY

May 8, 1929

"Changing England" was referred to by John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown in a letter to The Times on February 9, 1996. Their sentiments were here echoed by their predecessors

There follows another letter with some relevance today, for, apart from the pollution caused by oil tanker disasters, evidence of oil discharges at sea can still be seen on foreshores

SEA BIRDS AND OIL

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, — Have you space in your columns, at this time of political activity, for a word or two written on behalf of those who have few to plead their cause — our sea birds? It is not right that these creatures, the glory and delight of our sea coasts, should be slaughtered so cruelly and in such large numbers, just because adequate precautions against the discharge of ship oil are not taken. In my fairly regular holidays here I have seen sea birds again and again struggling to rid themselves, on shore, of this filthy oil, and within a day or so their bodies, battered and misshapen, have been washed up by the waves. To-day I managed to get within a yard or so of a guillemot, and saw its body smothered with oil, but I failed to secure it, and it tumbled out to sea, quite powerless against the breaking waves. I have seen birds suffering in this way, puffins, guillemots, razorbills, and others. And the discharge of oil seems to be increasing. Only a short time ago I examined the rocks in a little cove here, and found most of them covered with this sticky, disgusting mess. There is a method by which this sort of thing can be stopped, for ships can be provided with the means of getting rid of their oil without detriment to man or bird. Cannot the method be made compulsory?

I am, &c.,
E. M. VENABLES.

The Gulls' Way, Polzeath, North Cornwall. April 30.

No income support for resident

Botchett v Chief Adjudication Officer

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment May 7]

A mentally handicapped resident at a registered nursing home, receiving care in her daily life but not treatment for mental illness, was not entitled to income support and was in the same position as a hospital in-patient as far as entitlement to social security benefits was concerned.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Karen Botchett against a decision of Mr M. Heald, a social security commissioner, on June 13, 1994 to allow the appeal of the adjudication officer from a decision of the Social Security Appeal Tribunal to allow an appeal by the appellant from a decision of the adjudication officer to reject her claim for income support from July 29, 1991.

Regulation 2 of the Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations (SI 1975 No 555), in force in 1991 but since amended by the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (No 2) Regulations (SI 1992 No 2595)) provides:

"(2) For the purposes of these regulations, a person shall be regarded as receiving or having received free in-patient treatment for any period for which he is or has been maintained free of charge while undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient (a) in a hospital or similar institution . . . or (b) pursuant to arrangements made by the secretary of state or by any body in exercise of functions on behalf of the secretary of state under those Acts in a hospital or similar institution not so maintained or administered."

Mr Philip Havers, QC, for Miss Botchett; Miss Nathalie Lieven for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said the appellant was one of 12 residents at Coombe End nursing home, Gloucester. All were severely mentally handicapped so as to need a high degree of care and supervision in their daily lives, but none of them mentally ill in the sense of needing or receiving treatment for mental illness. The nursing home had since 1991 been administered by a trust, which had taken it over from the local health authority.

The trust bore the cost of maintaining the appellant and other residents, but if she was entitled to receive more than what was known as the "pocket money element" as income support from the DSS, the trust would receive the additional payments. Otherwise the health authority would have to meet the trust's costs.

The appellant said she and her fellow residents were not mentally sick. They received care rather than treatment which they did not need, and in those circumstances it could not be said that they received "medical or other treatment" or that they were "patients" or that Coombe End was a "similar institution" to a hospital.

The respondents, on the other hand, submitted that the statutory definitions were such that mentally handicapped persons such as the appellant received nursing care within the phrase "medical or other treatment" and that Coombe End was a "similar institution" with regulation 2(2) of the 1975 Regulations.

The regulations had to be construed with reference to the statutory definitions of "hospital", "illness" and "mental disorder".

In his Lordship's judgment, those led inexorably to the conclusion that persons suffering from the appellant's degree of mental handicap were within the definition of mental disorder; that the care and assistance they received from nursing as opposed to domestic staff must be regarded as "medical or other treatment" within the statutory definition and that the home was a "similar institution" to a hospital.

The key factor was that the definition of mental disorder included "arrested or incomplete development of mind" and "any other disorder of disability of mind".

The natural and ordinary meaning of the phrase was sufficiently wide to include malfunction or non-functioning of the mind not caused by illness but due to some defect in the mental processes.

Solicitors: Bevan Ashford, Bristol; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Governor not liable for false imprisonment

Olotu v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another

Before Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC

[Judgment April 24]

A prison governor was not liable for the tort of false imprisonment where his remand prisoner remained in prison after the expiry of a time limit through the failure of the Crown Prosecution Service to apply for its extension and in the absence of the prisoner's application for bail.

Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in granting the application of the Home Secretary to strike out Jeanette Ann Olotu's claim for false imprisonment but refusing the Crown Prosecution Service's application to strike out her claim for breach of statutory duty under Regulation 6(1) of the Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time-Limits) Regulations (SI 1987 No 299).

Regulation 6 of the 1987 Regulations provides: "(1) . . . where an accused who is in custody pending trial in the crown court had the benefit of a custody time limit under regulation 5 above the prosecution shall — . . . (b) make arrangements for the accused to be brought before the crown court within a period of two days preceding the expiry of the time limit."

Section 3 of the Bail Act 1976, as amended by sections 27(2) and 168(1) and Schedule 9, paragraph 12 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and by regulation 8(2)(a) of the 1987 Regulations, provides: "(1) A person granted bail in criminal proceedings shall be under a duty to surrender to custody. . .

"(6) He may be required to comply, before release on bail or later, with such requirements as appear to the court to be necessary to secure that — (a) he surrenders to custody, (b) he does not commit an offence while on bail, (c) he does not interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice . . . (d) he makes himself available for the purpose of enabling inquiries or a report to be made to assist the court in dealing with him for the offence. . .

"(10A) Where a custody time limit has expired this section shall have effect as if . . . in subsection (6) (conditions for bail) for the words 'before release on bail or later' there were substituted the words 'after release on bail'."

Section 4, as amended by regulation 8(2)(b) of the 1987 Regulations, provides: "(1) A person to whom this section applies shall be granted bail except as provided in Schedule 1 to this Act.

"(8A) Where a custody time limit has expired this section shall have effect as if, in subsection (1), the words 'except as provided in Schedule 1 to this Act' were omitted."

Mr Tim Owen for the plaintiff; Mr Stephen Richards for the defendants.

HER LADYSHIP said that the plaintiff contended that her period of detention on remand exceeded the custody time limit and that no, or no effective or sufficient application to the crown court for an extension had been made by the CPS, nor had any application for release on bail been made by or on behalf of the plaintiff herself.

Mr Owen submitted that anyone who helped to continue a wrongful imprisonment was guilty of false imprisonment even if he was not responsible for the original wrong; if a prisoner in lawful custody acquired a right to his discharge, as he did under the 1987 Regulations, the failure of the governor to set him free constituted a false imprisonment.

He submitted that there was an apparent conflict between sections 3(6) and 4(1) of the Bail Act 1976. Both sections dealt with the question of bail after a custody time limit had expired. The use of the term "granted bail" in section 4(1) appeared to envisage that release on bail must be a formal decision for a court. That would mean that a governor who released an accused upon the expiry of the relevant time limit without bringing him before a court would be acting unlawfully, in effect allowing the accused to escape from lawful custody.

Yet, Mr Owen said, section 3(6) made it clear that after a custody time limit had expired an accused person might only have conditions imposed on his grant of bail by a court after he had been released. That appeared to envisage that upon expiry of a custody time limit the accused had to be released on bail without a formal grant of bail by a court.

Her Ladyship did not find there to be a conflict between section 3(6) and section 4(1) to which Mr Owen referred. It was plain that the statutory regime had the effect that, upon expiry of the custody time limit, unless previously extended by the court, a remand prisoner was entitled to bail, but not simply to a release from prison, and that the court granting bail might impose certain conditions for compliance after release.

Mr Owen did not have the task of persuading her Ladyship that his arguments were good in law. It was for the defendants to show that the plaintiff's arguments were plainly and obviously unsustainable. The claim against the Home Secretary was bound to fail.

Mr Owen submitted that Parliament must have intended that where an individual suffered excessive imprisonment because the CPS failed in its duty he should have a private law cause of action against them so that he was compensated for the undoubted damage he had suffered.

Her Ladyship came to the conclusion that the plaintiff's case against the CPS was not so unsustainable that it had to fall.

Solicitors: Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol; Treasury Solicitor.

Appeal panel term breached

Westminster City Council v Cabaj

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Hutchison

[Judgment April 24]

Where the contract of employment of a local authority employee provided for an appeal by the employee to a panel of three councillors against a decision to dismiss him, that contractual requirement was not satisfied if the appeal panel affirming his dismissal consisted only of two councillors. However, that deficiency was not necessarily sufficient to render the dismissal unfair.

The effect of that failure on the fairness or otherwise of the dismissal was a matter for the industrial tribunal and it was not within the jurisdiction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal to decide the question rather than remit it to the industrial tribunal for its decision.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Westminster City Council from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Mummery, Mrs T. Marsland and Mr K. M. Young) dated June 24, 1994. The appeal tribunal had allowed the appeal of the employee, Mr G. R. Cabaj, and substituted for the decision of the industrial tribunal that the employee had been fairly dismissed their own decision that he had been unfairly dismissed.

The EAT considered that the contract of employment between the employee and the council provided for an appeal against any decision to dismiss him to a panel consisting of three members of the council but, as his appeal against dismissal was heard only by two members, the decision to dismiss him was necessarily unfair so that they were entitled to substitute their own view for that of the industrial tribunal rather than allow the appeal and remit the matter back to a differently constituted industrial tribunal.

Mr Martin Kurrein for the council; Mr Jonathan Marks, QC, for the employee.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the council contended that the EAT was wrong. They submitted, first, that the employee was not contractually entitled to an appeal tribunal consisting of three members of the council. They accepted that if the employee was so entitled the EAT was right to have allowed the appeal.

But they contended, second, that in that event the failure of the council to provide for the appeal to which the employee was contractually entitled was not necessarily sufficient to make the decision to dismiss him unfair. The consequence, they submitted, was that the EAT had no jurisdiction to decide the question of the fairness or otherwise of his dismissal and should have remitted it to the industrial tribunal.

By paragraph 5-3 of the council's disciplinary code the chief executive was required "to convene a meeting of the appeal tribunal consisting of three members of the council". The "appeal tribunal" was not otherwise defined. Thus it was plain that for the purposes of the disciplinary code it was required to consist of three members of the council.

Moreover, although the appeal tribunal might for some purposes have been a subcommittee of the council, the chief executive was required to convene a meeting of the appeal tribunal not of a committee or subcommittee of the council to which the provisions of the standing orders of the council as to quorum might apply.

The normal meaning of the word "convene" was "to cause to come together". A requirement to cause three people to come together was not satisfied by summoning three people if only two appeared or by causing only two people to come together.

The point was a short one. His Lordship had no doubt that the council were contractually obliged through their chief executive to provide an appeal tribunal of three members of the council and did not perform their contract with the employee in that respect before dismissing him.

Accordingly, the second question arose as to the effect of that failure on the fairness or otherwise of the dismissal and whether it was within the jurisdiction of the EAT to decide the question rather than remit it to the industrial tribunal for their decision.

The question of fairness was posed by section 57(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978. The appeal to the EAT was restricted by section 136(1) to "a question of law arising from any decision of, or arising in any proceedings before, an industrial tribunal". But that did not mean that whenever an appeal from a decision of an industrial was allowed the matter had to be remitted to the industrial tribunal.

Thus the question was whether the failure of the city council to observe their own contractually enforceable disciplinary procedure inevitably required the industrial tribunal properly instructed to conclude that the dismissal of the employee was unfair.

Counsel for the council submitted that it did not. He accepted that it might but contended that it would be a matter for the industrial tribunal to determine whether it did.

Those submissions were disputed by counsel for the employee. He submitted that the onus imposed on employers to observe to the letter agreed disciplinary procedures was heavy; that in consequence every plain and significant breach of agreed disciplinary procedures must involve unfair dismissal.

He emphasised that the reason for the failure of the council to perform their contractual obligation, whatever it was, could make no difference and emphasised the importance of giving full weight to the views of a specialist tribunal such as the EAT.

His Lordship accepted many of the submissions of counsel for the employee and agreed that employers ought to follow agreed disciplinary procedures and that full weight should be given to the views of experienced specialist tribunals such as the EAT.

On any remission, the industrial tribunal would be bound to consider at least whether the failure to convene a meeting of an appeal tribunal consisting of three members of the council impeded the employee in demonstrating that the real reason for his dismissal was not sufficient and the reasons, if any, why the council determined to dismiss him without having observed the requirements of the disciplinary code. The industrial tribunal would then have to decide the three questions posed by section 57(3).

His Lordship did not think that it could be predicated that the industrial tribunal must inevitably answer all those questions in the sense which would justify the conclusion that the dismissal was unfair. They might, but his Lordship did not think that they must.

In his Lordship's view the EAT were wrong to conclude that there could only be one result of a further hearing before the industrial tribunal, namely a finding of unfair dismissal. It was not disputed that in that event the appeal should be allowed, the decision of the industrial tribunal discharged and the matter remitted to a differently constituted industrial tribunal for it to consider the matter afresh.

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Hutchison agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Colin T. Wilson, Westminster; Kidd Rapinet, Maidenhead.

Malicious falsehood plaintiff did not show monetary loss

Allason v Campbell and Others

Before Sir Maurice Drake

[Judgment May 2]

Even where it was found that a newspaper article had been published falsely and with malice, an action for malicious falsehood would not succeed where a plaintiff was unable to prove that he had suffered pecuniary loss as a result.

Sir Maurice Drake, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when dismissing a claim by Mr Rupert Allason, MP, for damages for malicious falsehood in respect of an article alleged to have been instigated by the first and second defendants, Mr Alastair Campbell and Mr Andy McSmith, journalists employed by the third defendant, Mirror Group Newspapers who published the article.

The plaintiff in person; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Miss Heather Rogers for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the claim for damages for malicious falsehood arose in respect of an article published in the *Daily Mirror* on November 20, 1992 which claimed that 50 MPs had signed an early day motion challenging Mr Allason to hand over to Maxwell pensioners an estimated £250,000 he had won in libel damages from the newspaper.

He found that, on the facts and on a balance of probabilities, the plaintiff had failed to prove sufficient malicious involvement in the publication of the article complained of against the first defendant; he could find no evidence of malice at all on the part of the second defendant.

In respect of the third defendant, the article, which had been written by another of their employees, was false and malicious in that it had misrepresented by a significant amount the number of MPs signing the early day motion and had failed to state that they were all Labour MPs.

However, the plaintiff had not been able to prove that he had lost a book contract because of the article, nor that he had suffered any other pecuniary loss as a consequence of publication.

Furthermore, the third defendant had acted promptly to comply with the plaintiff's requests for apology and correction so that any possible claim that might have arisen had been settled on the terms agreed. Accordingly the plaintiff's claim would be dismissed.

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America strikes back

BBC1 and ITV are looking west again, says **Alexandra Frean**

One of the biggest changes in television drama in the past decade has been the decline in popularity of bulk American imports. In the early Eighties American soap operas such as *Dallas* and *Dynasty* regularly attracted audiences of up to 15 million; their successors today capture half as many viewers. And although nearly 80 per cent of money spent by British broadcasters on imports still goes on American shows, they occupy only a tiny proportion of the peak-time schedules on BBC1 and ITV.

That picture is now changing. Boosted by the phenomenal success of *The X-Files* and *The New Adventures of Superman* over the last two years, American programming is staging an impressive comeback in Britain.

ITV has bought the UK rights to two seasons' worth of *Savannah*, by Aaron Spelling, which it will screen in the autumn. The contemporary drama series, about the lives and loves of three Southern belles in Texas, revolves around money, power and greed.

Jeff Ford, ITV's head of acquisition, expects it to mark a turning point in its programming. "For years the only American drama on ITV was Baywatch and even that was not in the weekday peak-time schedules. But that has all changed. There is a return to American programming and the quality of American drama has improved," he says.

In addition to *Savannah*, ITV has just secured the UK terrestrial television rights to *The Beast*, a blockbuster American mini-series based on a novel by Peter Benchley.

Much of the problem facing American programming in Britain has been the high expectations of audiences accustomed to a diet of BBC classic dramas and high quality ITV productions. The American studios' obsession with half-hour comedy programmes was also responsible for the downturn in US imports. With a few notable exceptions American comedy does not go down well in Britain with mainstream audiences although US shows have always done better on BBC2 and Channel 4.

According to Alan Howden, head of the BBC's programme acquisition group, for years American producers were simply not making the kind of programmes that appealed to British viewers. "Half-hour comedy shows have stopped being the magic money-making formula and American producers have now gone back to making hour-long dramas," he says.

> 'The quality of American drama has improved'

Until the advent of The New Adventures of Superman BBC1 had no American programmes on air at peak-time. Encouraged by the success of *Superman* it added *Due South* and *Chicago Hope* to its schedules and then transferred the *X-Files* from BBC2.

With two channels to play with, the BBC has the distinct advantage of being able to experiment with American drama imports first on BBC2, a policy it has adopted for *Murder One*. The next "big thing" from the US to arrive on BBC2 will be *Profit*, due to be screened in the autumn, about a young man who ruthlessly works his way to the top of a huge corporation.

The two main channels are now focusing on the Los Angeles screenings, the industry's annual round of US programme-buying. Over the last couple of years the BBC has relied on joint purchasing deals with BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*. This has enabled it to outbid ITV and Channel 4. Under these deals, BSkyB shows the programmes on its subscription channels first, with the BBC's own screenings several months later. This year the picture has altered. ITV's acquisition of *The Beast* was done in co-operation with BSkyB, after the network decided to drop its internal objections to doing business with a commercial rival.

With American drama series now slowly edging their way back into the British prime-time schedules and the BBC and ITV competing for BSkyB's favour, competition between the main British channels in the year's US programme market will be tougher than ever. Let's hope this means that only the best American drama makes it onto British screens next year.


SKY ONE

The BBC is able to experiment with imported programmes like *Murder One*, trying them out first on BBC2

THE TIMES TOP 20 DRAMA: BRITISH v IMPORTS

April 15 to 21, 1996

Imports

Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Audience (m)
1. Adventures of Superman	Sat 20	18.26	BBC1	Warner/Dec 3rd	7.8
2. The X-Files	Mon 15	21.04	BBC2	Ten Thirteen/20C Fox	6.7
3. Star Trek: Next Generation	Wed 17	18.01	BBC2	Paramount Pics	3.7
4. ER	Wed 17	22.03	C4	Const C/Amblin/Warner	3.6
5. Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Thu 18	18.01	BBC2	Paramount Pics	3.1
6. Columbo	Sun 21	14.53	BBC1	Universal Pictures	3.0
7. NYPD Blue	Thu 18	22.00	C4	Steven Bochco/20th Cent Fox	2.9
8. Batman*	Sat 20	17.20	ITV	Greenway Prods	2.9
9. Murder One	Tue 16	21.00	BBC2	Steven Bochco/20th Cent Fox	2.5
10. Heartbreak High	Tue 16	18.24	BBC2	Gannon Television	2.3

British

1. Peak Practice	Tue 16	21.02	ITV	Carlton UK	12.6
2. Bramwell	Mon 15	21.01	ITV	Whitby Davison	9.8
3. Hamish MacBeth	Sun 21	19.30	BBC1	Zenith/Skylins	9.8
4. Madson	Wed 17	21.34	BBC1	McShane Prods	9.1
5. Doctor Finlay	Sun 21	19.31	ITV	Scottish TV	9.0
6. Ellington	Thu 18	21.02	ITV	Yorkshire TV	8.8
7. The Governor	Sat 20	21.07	ITV	La Plante Prods	8.1
8. Bugs	Sat 20	20.09	BBC1	Carnival Films	7.5
9. Soldier Soldier	Fri 19	21.02	ITV	Carlton UK	7.0
10. Cardiac Arrest	Tue 16	22.03	BBC1	World Prods	5.5

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A little more night music

Why Radio 3 should realise that audience size doesn't matter

Listening to Mozart can make you more intelligent, according to Channel 4's new *Music and Mind* series which began on Sunday. Does it follow, I wonder, that listening to Classic FM can make you less intelligent? Hearing *Gaieté Parisienne*, *Tales from the Vienna Woods* and Grieg's *Piano Concerto* for the twelfth time in a week, I feel my brain soften — in spite of taking the precaution of switching stations during all the commercials.

Radio 3 began 24-hour broadcasting last weekend, ludicrously preoccupied with catching up with Classic FM. Its anxiety is misplaced. Classic FM is so far ahead — outdrawing Radio 3 by about three to one — that Radio 3 will never catch up. Also Classic draws from a different audience pool. Its real BBC rival is Radio 4. Its listeners switch to Radio 4 to listen to the news, then back for more hoary musical favourites.


BRENDA MADDOX

For Radio 3, size should not matter. It holds a 1 per cent share of the national listening audience and is in no danger of disappearing, unlike the new women's radio station, Viva! (the exclamation mark indicates an audience often too small to register on the industry scale). If cost-per-listener values were applied to Radio 3, it would have been consigned to the scrapheap long ago. The seriousness and uniqueness of its output is justification enough for its existence. Every summer the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts come along to boost Radio 3's figures and to show how popular seriousness is. And small hours music should help.

So why is Nicholas Kenyon, Controller of Radio 3 and director of the Proms, still banging on about the need to change Radio 3's voice? Last week he reminded the conference of the Voice of the Viewer and Listener that their venerable Radio 3 must not sound too "schoolmasterly" if it is to retain its claim to a share of the BBC licence fee.

"Schoolmasterly" is pejorative. A nicer way of saying the same thing came in the wording of last week's Sony Radio Gold award to Radio 3's Brian Kay, as Music Presenter of the Year. Mr Kay was praised for "exactly the kind of warm yet authoritative voice which should be the staple sound of Radio 3" and for attracting listeners who might not normally tune to the channel. Perhaps this accolade will restrain Mr Kenyon's determination to pursue the demotic sound.

Mr Kenyon's jitters stem from the BBC's own preoccupation with audience figures — an anxiety you might have thought would have subsided now that its charter has been renewed and a combative new chairman is in place. It is undeniable that radio ratings present a particular problem for the BBC as it fights to keep up with the growing commercial sector. The BBC likes to boast about the weekly "reach" of its services — that is the number of people who tune in at some point, even if for a short time. In contrast, light listeners mean little to commercial radio. What they care about are big clusters. There is a difficulty in finding a common measure to reflect both kinds of listening. To its dismay, Rajar, the joint radio research board, found recently that its new techniques unduly favoured commercial radio against the BBC.

To redress the imbalance, Rajar has reverted to its old way of counting heads. The statistical difficulties remain, however, and may increase as the growing numbers of new stations enter the market. There is some advantage in the confusion to the BBC: for some time it will be able to claim that published audience figures do not do it justice. Mr Kenyon, for his part, is saved from having to answer awkward questions about any changes in the size of the audience for Radio 3's *Morning Choice* by his imposition of the transatlantic tones of Paul Gambaccini.

Mr Kenyon insists that a more approachable voice is needed for Radio 3 because Britain is in the throes of a major cultural shift. About the second, he is absolutely right. There are two nations, by generation. But he is going about bridging them in the wrong way. He is patronising the young, by introducing what he supposes to be their language.

The generation gap will heal itself without any help from voices with a smile. Research by the Broadcasting Standards Council shows the divide disappearing as the 1960s generation gets older. The new middle-aged are less tense about bad language and sex than their parents were. Yet their tolerance moderates as they have children of their own. Radio 3 should stay intelligent and authoritative. It should act its age.

Christena Appleyard reviews a new history of Britain's much-maligned but much-read tabloid press

Never mind the width . . .

Broadsheet journalists, on the whole, do not understand the tabloids. They regard them as "comics", occasionally admiring their cheek but more often despising and jeering at their simplifications.

Matthew Engel, a Guardian journalist, indicates in his preface that he does not suffer from this tedious syndrome. He admires, he says, the tenacity and skill of popular journalists. Writing for a mass audience is, in theory, "the highest and most noble form" of literature. But, he concludes, this form has become debased, "an institutionalised force for distortion and half-truth".

The ensuing history is a lively justification of this posture. Engel certainly jeers, but, in fairness, there is plenty to jeer at. There was Jumbo the London Zoo elephant sold to P.T. Barnum in 1882 only to become the object of a *Daily Telegraph* campaign to save Jumbo for the nation. There was the *Daily Mail* hat — a kind of soft bowler — with which Lord Northcliffe tried to solve the primary sartorial problem of the nation. Later came the donkey saved from an ugly death in Spain by the *Daily Star*. And so on.

Beyond the jeering, however, Engel's account shows that the popular press could never be written off as a low-life joke. From the late 19th century it mobilised the newly literate masses and, in doing so, created modern politics. Before the pops, for example, people could die unnoticed at sea or in fires. Once they had arrived almost anything could raise the perennial tabloid call "something must be done".

From the Thirties the tabloids also developed a new technical competence. Engel praises at length the reign of Arthur Christiansen at the *Daily Express* during which he effectively invented the potent visual and verbal confection that is the modern pop. Here Engel demonstrates a real understanding of the enormous technical proficiency of the tabloid press.

Postwar, Engel comes up with the usual formula — *Daily Mirror* pre-Maxwell good, *The Sun* post-Murdoch bad. In reality the *Mirror* at its best was simply a vivid expression of a left-wing mood, while Kelvin MacKenzie's *Sun* in the Eighties was an even more vivid expression of a right-wing mood. Both distorted material but not, in the context of the rest of what filled those papers, seriously. Politics was simply never the primary agenda of either paper.

Whether, ultimately, Engel's entertaining history supports his prefatory damning of the pops is doubtful. The idea that their distortion is now particularly pernicious probably depends on the leftish view that they are servants of a capitalist conspiracy. Perhaps, at times, they are, but the reality of the tabloids is that they are driven far more by a demotic energy than by politics. That energy has produced newspapers of extraordinary intricacy and graphic power.

That much should be celebrated; the rest — the lies, the hype, the frequent mean-mindedness — can be jeered at by us all, left, right, broadsheet or tabloid. They, after all, know better than anybody how to jeer back.

● Tickle the Public: One Hundred Years of the Popular Press by Matthew Engel (Gollancz, £20)


Things go better for tennis star Pete Sampras with Coke

Name of the game

In this summer of sport will we see brand-name overkill, asks **Alan Mitchell**

In a subtle, low-level campaign, officials of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are briefing journalists on the dangers of rampant commercialism in sport. They have produced a spoof video depicting an athletics meeting where sponsorship has run riot.

Never mind the usual paraphernalia of shirts and shorts splattered with brand logos. The England team is no longer just the England team but the Jaguar England Team. The starting gun comes courtesy of brand X, the finishing-line is there thanks to brand Y. Everything from the timing of the race to the action replay carries the name of a brand.

The IOC's video is a devastating critique of what sporting events could be like if the worst excesses of sponsorship were to take hold.

Only a few weeks ago, Coca-Cola and Lucozade were embroiled in a dispute over what drink players were supposed to guzzle during the Coca-Cola Cup final. As sponsor of the cup final and holder of exclusive rights to the sale and promotion of soft drinks at Wembley Stadium, Coca-Cola demanded the right. As official supplier of drinks to the teams concerned, Lucozade insisted it owned the privilege.

Euro 96, the European football championship which starts on June 8, brings the seeds of another such standoff. It has 11 official suppliers including McDonald's, BT and Ladbrokes. But in a carefully constructed deal, fans will also be able to watch warm-up Euro 96 international matches where the England team is backed by rival brands such as Burger King, One-2-One and Littlewoods.

So are fans fed up with having brand names rammed down their throats?

Not at all, says Peter Sprogis, managing director of the broadcast arm of ISL, the international sports sponsorship firm which oversaw the Euro 96 deal. Fans nowadays understand that if you do not have sponsorship, you do not have top sports, he says. There is always "a danger of fragmentation and overkill", he admits. But, he insists, sophisticated sponsors understand the limits.

His claim will be tested to destruction this summer. Already dubbed the summer of sport, the timetable of events runs like this. For three weeks to the end of June England hosts Euro 96. Seven days later Wimbledon reaches its climax hotly pursued by the British Grand Prix and the Atlanta Olympics. And sports fans can soak up any spare moments with the rugby league Super League and the cricket season.

By the end of the summer the British "will have sport coming out of their ears", says Andy Bolden, of the media buyer CIA Media. But for high-profile companies such as Coca-Cola, backing Euro 96, the Olympics and Wimbledon, it is marketing heaven.

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MPs defy earnings disclosure rule

■ A dozen Conservatives and two Labour MPs laid themselves open to official complaints by refusing to reveal details of how much they earn from their activities outside Parliament.

The former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath and three former ministers — David Mellor, Norman Lamont and Kenneth Baker — were among those who angered colleagues by declining to conform with new rules requiring them to divulge outside earnings that result from their membership of Parliament .....Page 1

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■ Stephen Dorrell outlined long-awaited plans to prevent pensioners having to sell their homes to pay for the costs of residential care. The Government was immediately accused by the opposition parties of "betraying the elderly" .....Page 1

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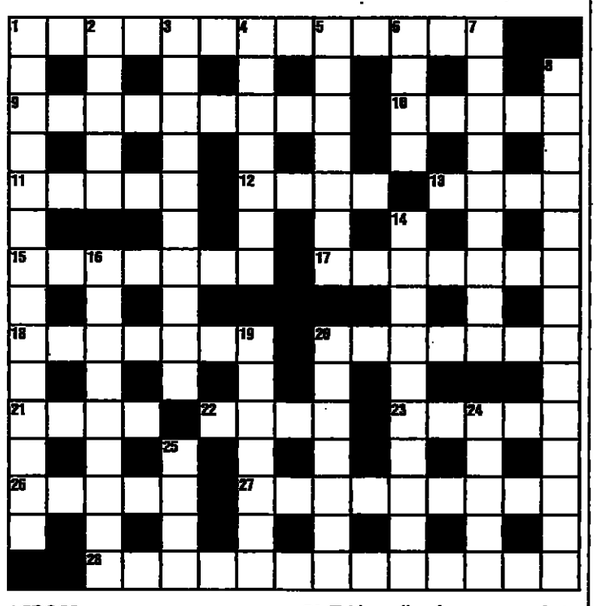
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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.20 am — Sun sets: 8.36 pm
Moon sets 10.06 pm — Moon rises 12.43 am

Last quarter May 10
London 8.36 pm to 5 18 am
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☐ **London, E Anglia, Central S England:** cloudy at first, sunny spells developing. Wind fresh to strong, NE. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SE England, Channel Isles:** cloudy, rain at first. Becoming mainly dry. Wind strong, NE, perhaps touching gale force over exposed parts. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, Central N:** dry, sunny periods. Wind NE, moderate to fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW England:** bright or sunny spells. Wind NE, fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny spells, scattered showers. Wind mainly N, light to moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Ireland:** dry, sunny spells. Wind light to moderate, N/NE. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** mainly dry, sunny spells.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

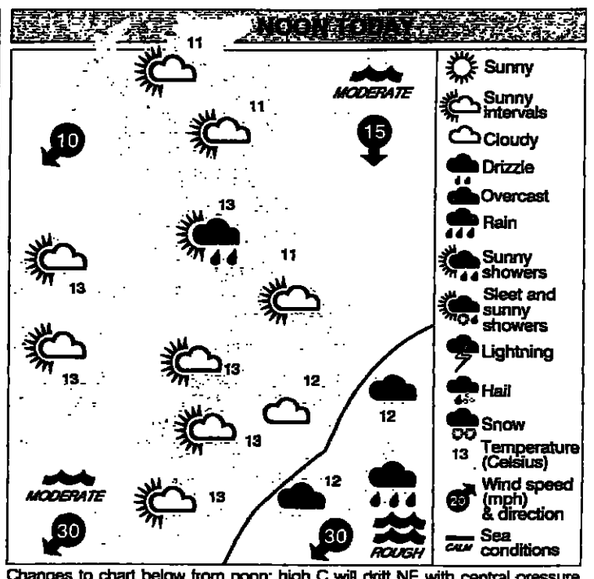
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.0	-	11	52	s	Lldlehmptn	13.5	-	15	59	s
Anglesey	14.3	-	14	57	s	London	12.9	-	14	57	s
Aspatria	5.8	0.01	12	54	sh	Lowestoft	8.0	-	9	48	s
Aviemore	4.2	0.04	11	52	sh	Manchester	9.2	0.01	13	55	b
Belfast	9.7	-	13	55	b	Margate	14.2	-	12	54	s
Birmingham	8.0	0.01	13	55	s	Minehead	12.5	-	13	55	s
Bognor R	13.9	-	15	59	s	Morecambe	9.3	-	13	55	s
Bournem'th	X	-	17	63	s	Newcastle	0.9	0.01	9	48	c
Buxton	2.1	-	8	46	c	Norwich	6.6	-	10	50	s
Cardiff	12.4	-	14	57	s	Oxford	12.3	-	14	57	s
Cromer	8.5	-	8	46	s	Poole	13.3	-	16	61	s
Dunbar	3.1	-	9	48	c	Prestatyn	X	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	13.7	-	15	59	s	Ross-o-wye	10.4	-	15	59	c
Edinburgh	2.1	0.01	11	52	c	Ryde	13.4	-	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	.	0.28	10	50	c	Scarborough	11.8	-	15	59	s
Exmouth	11.0	-	15	59	s	Sandown	12.4	-	15	59	s
Fishguard	13.3	-	13	54	s	Saunton Snd	12.7	-	16	61	s
Folkestone	14.1	-	12	54	s	Scarboro'	6.2	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	1.4	0.01	13	55	c	Shrewsbury	8.4	-	13	54	b
Guernsey	.	0.01	13	55	c	Skegness	6.0	-	8	46	c
Hastings	13.8	-	14	57	s	Southend	11.4	-	12	54	c
Hayling I.	13.5	-	15	59	s	Southport	11.4	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	14.1	-	10	50	s	Southsea	11.1	-	16	61	s
Howe	11.7	-	15	59	s	Stornoway	8.9	0.01	11	52	sh
Hunstanton	9.0	-	10	50	s	Stranraer	11.3	-	14	57	s
Isle of Man	11.1	-	11	52	s	Teignmouth	11.8	-	14	57	s
Jersey	1.8	0.05	12	54	r	Tiree	10.4	0.01	11	52	sh
Kinloss	7.9	0.01	11	52	s	Torquay	11.5	-	15	59	s
Leeds	3.9	-	11	52	b	Ventnor	12.7	-	14	57	s
Lerwick	12.1	-	8	46	s	Weymouth	11.0	-	16	61	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	C'phagn	11	52	f	Malta	24	75	s
Alicante	27	81	s	Dublin	11	52	c	Melb'rne	18	61	c
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	22	72	c	Mexico C	24	75	s
Algiers	26	79	f	Faro	16	61	r	Miami	29	84	f
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Florence	24	75	s	Milan	21	70	f
Athens	27	81	f	Frankfurt	14	57	f	Montreal	12	54	X
B Aires	26	79	s	Funchal	20	68	f	Moscow	17	63	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Geneva	18	64	s	Munich	20	68	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Gibraltar	21	70	f	N Delhi	38	100	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Helsinki	4	39	r	N York	9	48	f
Barcelona	18	64	s	Hong K	22	72	c	Nairobi	25	77	c
Beirut	21	70	s	Innsbruck	21	70	s	Naples	25	77	s
Belgrade	25	77	c	Istanbul	27	81	s	Nice	21	70	s
Berlin	12	54	f	Jeddah	X			Oslo	10	50	f
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jo'burg	16	61	f	Paris	17	63	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Peking	20	68	f
Borde'x	21	70	f	L Palmas	23	73	c	Perth	27	81	s
Brussels	12	54	f	La Tquet	11	52	s	Prague	14	57	s
Budapest	19	66	f	Lisbon	17	63	s	Reykjavik	3	37	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	18	64	f	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Luxembg	15	59	f	Rio de J	26	77	s
Ch'church	14	57	X	Lusor	42	108	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Chicago	11	52	s	Madrid	14	57	f	Rome	20	68	s
Cologne	14	57	s	Majorca	23	73	s	S Fr'isco	15	59	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Malaga	18	64	f	S Paulo	23	73	s
Selzburg	30	86	c
Santiago	19	66	s
Seoul	21	70	f
Sing'por	31	88	t
St'kholm	5	41	sh
Strasb'rg	18	64	s
Sydney	20	68	f
Tangier	20	68	r
Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Tenerife	22	72	c
Tokyo	21	70	s
Toronto	11	52	s
Tunis	22	72	f
Valencia	19	66	c
Vanc'ver	11	52	f
Venice	21	70	s
Vienna	20	68	s
Warsaw	12	54	o
Wash'ton	23	73	f
Wel'ngton	15	59	X
Zurich	20	68	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Monday X = not available

MOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high C will drift NE with central pressure unchanged; low F will continue E and fill; low G will run quickly N and slowly fill

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5:05	8.9	5:22	8.5	Leith	5:49	5.3	6:25	5.2
Aberdeen	4:31	3.9	5:16	3.9	Liverpool	2:16	9.1	2:47	8.8
Avonmouth	10:28	12.5	10:48	12.3	Lowestoft	0:31	2.4	12:38	2.4
Belfast	2:04	3.5	2:50	3.3	Margate	3:06	4.6	3:19	4.4
Cardiff	10:12	11.0	10:35	10.8	Milford Haven	9:31	6.5	9:57	6.5
Devonport	9:09	5.0	9:24	5.2	Newquay	8:19	6.4	8:45	6.3
Dover	1:52	6.5	2:21	6.4	Oban	8:45	3.3	9.17	3.5
Dublin (N Wall)	2:33	4.0	3:18	3.8	Penzance	7:47	5.1	8:16	5.2
Falmouth	8:11	4.8	8:35	4.8	Portland	9:55	1.8	10.12	1.8
Greenock	3:23	3.1	3:57	3.2	Portsmouth	2:16	4.5	2:55	4.5
Harwich	2:49	3.9	3:10	2.7	Shoreham	2:06	6.0	2:38	5.9
Holyhead	1:14	5.4	1:49	5.1	Southampton	1:41	4.4	2:13	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	9:26	7.0	10:04	6.8	Swansea	9:36	8.9	10:01	8.7
Ilfracombe	9:12	8.7	9.38	8.7	Tees	6:56	5.1	7:37	5.0
King's Lynn	9:25	6.8	9:53	6.4	Walton-on-Naze	2:45	4.2	3:07	3.9

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Solent, Hampshire, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Donna Nook, Lincolnshire, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.12in, highest sunshine: Anglesey, 14.3hr

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY MAY 8 1996

High Court backs Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL

LLOYD'S OF LONDON won an important High Court victory yesterday, ending an 18-month ban on the market collecting £700 million of unpaid debts from names.

The Writs Response Group, which supported the legal action brought by a name, swiftly promised to appeal against the judgment. It said the ruling was extremely disappointing and that "there will undoubtedly now be an appeal and there may well need to be a retrial".

The case centred on whether the Lloyd's central fund could legally pay claims on behalf of names who have failed to settle their debts. Over the years the central fund has been used extensively for this purpose as names have either refused, or been unable, to meet their losses.

The legal action was brought by John Clementson, a name, backed by the WRG. The WRG, which represents more than 2,000 names, argued that the central fund was in breach of EU competition rules and as a result Lloyd's cannot legally force names to pay losses paid for by the central fund.

Mr Justice Cresswell, the judge, yesterday rejected the argument at the end of the seven-week hearing. The WRG said it was disappointed by the "paucity" of explanation as to why the court ruled as it did.

A Lloyd's spokesman said the market would not start legal proceedings to recover the debts while it was trying to put together an out-of-court settlement and debt write-off package for names. Lloyd's, which is set to improve its £2.8 billion settlement offer, said: "The central fund debts are rolled into the offer. But if a name doesn't accept the offer we can now elect to pursue him for all his debts, including any central fund debts."

The legal tussle dates back to 1993 when Mr Justice Cresswell ruled in favour of Lloyd's. The WRG appealed and, in November 1994, the Court of Appeal concluded that the complexity of the issue meant it needed to go to full trial.

PowerGen could scupper joint £1.73bn takeover bid

US groups target Midlands

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

MIDLANDS Electricity, the regional company whose agreed takeover by the generator PowerGen was blocked two weeks ago, is poised to become the seventh electricity company to lose its independence after a £1.73 billion joint bid from two US power groups.

But the move by General Public Utilities of New Jersey and Cinergy of Ohio could be scuppered by PowerGen, Midlands' largest shareholder. The two sides have agreed to meet this week to discuss the generator's potential legal challenge of the ruling that blocked its bid for Midlands and its 21 per cent stake in the company.

Jim Rogers, president of Cinergy, said: "We think they will sell the stake. Our price is a full offer."

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PowerGen could make a profit of up to £80 million on the £4.40p offer price from the two companies through their bid vehicle, Avon Energy.

But the Government's surprise decision to block its bid for Midlands, along with the proposed takeover of Southern Electric by National Power, the largest generator, infuriated PowerGen. Selling its stake would not preclude a judicial review of the decision by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade.

A challenge in the courts would cast a cloud over the bid by the US groups and could lead to a fresh bid from PowerGen.

A PowerGen spokesman said that the company is still considering its options but a decision is expected shortly.

Yesterday GPU, which first held talks with Midlands last November when the generators' bids were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and Cinergy moved swiftly in the market to raise to 9 per cent their stake in the regional company. Through Merrill Lynch and BZW, they bought 27 million shares to add to the 1.7 per cent holding amassed over the past few months. There may still be a rival bidder, with a group of US utilities believed to be circling the UK power and water industries. However, the market has been put off by the huge swings in the electricity sector after the surprise decisions from the Government, and there is believed to be less inclination to inflate prices.

Nick Pink, analyst at SBC Warburg, said: "Many of the institutions are looking to sell to realise cash and the price has been kept in check because of that. There has been a lot of uncertainty in the sector."

Houston Industries has been heavily touted over the past few weeks as being on the verge of a bid. It has already lost one contested bid when it moved on Norweb with Central and South West Corporation.

Midlands, GPU and Cinergy said that there would be no job losses as a result of the merger. The present management team will remain in place and the US groups have pledged a hands-off approach. However, it is doubtful that the takeover will bring customer benefits. Bryan Townsend, chairman of Midlands, said the message to customers was that it would be "business as usual".

Mr Townsend said that the link with GPU, which was at the centre of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, and Cinergy will provide a stronger springboard for Midlands to launch international activities, and give the company a firmer base from which to compete in domestic electricity and gas markets after 1998. "We aim to be a national player in electricity and gas," he said.

Unison, the umbrella union with a large proportion of workers in the electricity industry, condemned the takeover. Mike Jeram, head of the union's energy section, said: "If Avon are successful it will mean that nearly 25 per cent of Britain's electricity industry will be in American hands."

Labour again called for a clearer Government policy on mergers in the electricity industry. John Battle, the Shadow Energy minister, said: "At the moment the Government is doing nothing but spreading confusion in this sector."

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Mike Hughes, left, and Bryan Townsend, both of MEB, with Jim Rogers, of Cinergy, and Jim Leva, right, of GPU, yesterday

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3723.0	(-28.6)
Yield	3.99%	
FT-SE A All share	1877.91	(-9.31)
Nikkei	21496.28	(-187.10)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5437.93	(-26.38)*
S&P Composite	638.58	(-2.23)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5%)
Long Bond	86¹⁵/₃₂*	(86¹/₃₂)
Yield	7.09%*	(7.12%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6%	(6%)
Life long gilt future (Jun)	104¹⁵/₃₂	(104¹⁵/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5126*	(1.5080)
London:		
$	1.5113	(1.5025)
DM	2.2991	(2.2948)
FFr	7.7746	(7.7573)
SFr	1.8744	(1.8676)
Yen	158.67	(157.35)
£ Index	83.9	(83.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5214*	(1.5253)
FFr	5.1440*	(5.1543)
SFr	1.2403*	(1.2426)
Yen	104.97*	(105.09)
$ Index	96.2	(96.3)

Tokyo close Yen 105.12

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul).. $18.40 ($18.40)

GOLD

London close..... $393.65 ($393.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Acceleration

Sales of new cars jumped dramatically by 17.2 per cent last month, the highest monthly rise for almost two years. But motor industry executives yesterday remained baffled why private buyers, so long wooed by manufacturers, had suddenly returned to the showrooms. Sales to private buyers rose by a sixth during the month. Page 31

Eurotunnel starts debt talks

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROTUNNEL will today begin talks with its bankers over restructuring its £8.4 billion of debts. Figures yesterday showed that the Channel Tunnel, operated by the Anglo-French company, now carries more than 40 per cent of car and lorry traffic between Kent and northern France.

Ferry companies and City analysts said the tunnel appeared to have reached its natural market share, and the troubled company should benefit from rising revenues through the peak summer season as discount fares are trimmed. But with Eurotunnel revenues this year predicted by UBS, the broker, to reach just £450 million, against an annual interest bill of some £700 million, refinancing is urgently needed.

Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, speaking after one of the banks revealed proposals to swap debt for new shares, giving the bank creditors 49 per cent of the company, announced: "We shall only make progress when the banks come to the table to negotiate a mutually acceptable resolution of a shared problem."

No early deal is expected. Under a standstill arrangement, Eurotunnel suspended debt repayments last September, and has until March 1997 to agree a financial restructuring.

According to French sources, the panel of six lead banks has drawn up a four-stage financial plan. NatWest, Midland, Banque Nationale de Paris, Crédit Lyonnais, the European Investment Bank and the European Coal and Steel Community, all key lenders, have secured approval from 20 second-tier banks among the 225 creditors for their proposals.

Savings in fashion for more teenagers

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

THRIFT is the new teen craze, according to the Halifax Building Society. Its annual pocket money survey, published today, shows 43 per cent of teenagers questioned saved more than they spent. Last year, only 28 per cent did the same.

Average pocket money has risen from £8.78 in 1994 to £10.80 a week, a rise of 23 per cent, more than seven times the rate of inflation. However, the largest source of income for those aged 17-18 is part-time work from which they earn an average of £26.98, up from £19.23, a rise of 40 per cent.

Suspension of ex-Barings man confirmed

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, yesterday confirmed that Peter Norris, the former senior executive officer at Barings, has been suspended from senior SFA registers for three years and has agreed to pay £10,000 costs.

The Times has also learned that MPs on the Commons Treasury Select committee will not interfere in the action brought by the SFA against Ian Hopkins, former group treasurer of the merchant bank.

Last month, Mr Hopkins approached the Treasury committee after the SFA had charged him and eight other Barings executives with the same counts as Mr Norris and proposed to impose broadly the same penalties.

The SFA charges the Barings executives failed "to act with due skill, care and diligence" on two specific occasions between January and February 1995 just before the collapse of the 233-year-old merchant bank. The SFA said that those in charge should never have allowed Nick Leeson, who is serving six-and-a-half years in a Singapore prison, to build up a level of exposure to the volatile derivatives markets that ultimately totalled more than the bank's capital.

It also said that they had failed to query a bogus £50 million trade with SLK, a New York brokerage firm, that led to a clear discrepancy.

Privately, SFA officials hope that the Norris settlement will encourage others to conclude the cases against them.

Of the remainder, Ron Baker, former head of the Barings Financial Products group, Mary Walz, who was in charge of Equity Financial products, and Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, are expected to appeal to an independent SFA tribunal.

Mr Baker's solicitors said yesterday that the charges against him do not include dishonesty and relate to the management and organisation of certain aspects of Baring's business. Mr Baker does not accept the charges and was filing a detailed defence with the SFA.

Barclays move could herald end of free banking

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

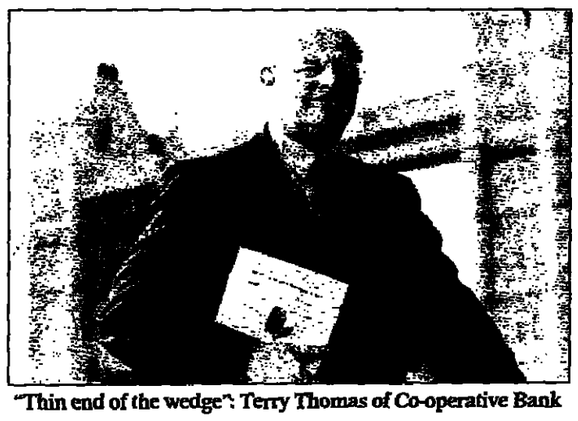
FREE current-account banking, enjoyed by customers in credit for close to two decades, could now be under threat, after the launch of a £60-a-year account from Barclays. The new account, called Additions, offers a number of incentives, including £5,000-worth of free life insurance, a free automatic £100 overdraft and discounted private medical cover for children. Customers will pay £5 a month.

The Co-operative Bank accused Barclays of trying to bring to an end by stealth the era of free banking. Terry Thomas, Co-operative Bank managing director, said: "This new account is the thin edge of the wedge and, if copied, will mark the end of free banking. High street banks have long complained about the high cost of providing free in-credit banking for their personal customers, but cannot remove this benefit while their profits are so high. Most have looked at the idea of offering a "silver service" account, as a way of selling charges on current accounts to their customers.

Mr Thomas added that his was the first bank to bring in free banking more than 20 years ago. Barclays, however, rejected the claim that it was attempting to bring back charges for those in credit.

Gordon Rankin, director of personal banking, said: "Barclays Additions will not replace the the existing current account." The other high street banks would not be drawn on whether they too were preparing to launch accounts with charges for those in credit. But they were critical of the Additions concept, saying it was expensive. Midland said it was looking into the possibility of offering customers a current account which had additional features, but a spokeswoman said: "If we did introduce an account like this, we would look to offer much weightier benefits."

David McLean, Natwest head of personal banking services, said: "We are looking at the concept of packaging current accounts. The Barclays account looks a little limiting." Barclays hopes to encourage 10 per cent of its seven million account holders to switch to the new account. It also aims to attract new accounts from competitors.



"Thin end of the wedge": Terry Thomas of Co-operative Bank

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CBI rejects call for competition authority merger



Armstrong: "separation vital"

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday rejected the merging of Britain's main competition authorities, but called for changes in UK competition policy to make it more effective, quick and transparent.

Merging the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been called for by the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, the Labour Party and competition specialists, including Sir Bryan Carsberg, a former Director-General of Fair Trading.

But yesterday the CBI maintained the separation of competition powers is vital, and attacked the supporters of a merger. Julian Armstrong, the CBI's competition chairman, said that the argument for a merger "tends to come from people who are hostile to industry, with little understanding of the practical dangers if power is concentrated in that way".

Under proposals put forward by the confederation, the two competition authorities would be retained, but their roles radically altered.

The OFT would become the Competition Authority, with power to decide whether to mount an investigation into proposed mergers or claimed monopolies, and to make a finding.

The MMC would be replaced by a Competition Commission, headed by the equivalent of a High Court judge although assisted by economic and industrial advisers, which would act as an appeals body.

The proposal clearly reduces the role of the President of the Board of Trade, although CBI leaders said that, in monopoly cases, the Secretary of State would also have a right to appeal. They said that it was better to have a transparent political involvement, rather than politics coming into competition policy via the back door.

Other proposals from the confederation included the replacement of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act with anti-competitive agreements similar to Brussels' Article 85 on competition, a two-tier approach to issues of abuse of market power, with some abuses subject to penalties and others to remedy, and on mergers the maintainance in investigations of the competitive effects of a merger rather than a wider public-interest test. The CBI rejects Labour's call for a change in the burden of proof whereby acquiring companies would need to prove that a proposed acquisition was in the public interest.

Byatt hints at tax on water utilities

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

A TAX on water companies could equal out the gains made by shareholders and those made by taxpayers on the sell-off of the industry, Ian Byatt, the water regulator, said yesterday.

But Mr Byatt, who used a speech to the European Policy Forum to address some complaints over regulation, said such a move was one for the Chancellor rather than the regulator.

He also said that companies may have acted with too keen a profit motive. "The privatised utilities may have paid too much attention to City matters. Customers may have higher expectations from a private profit-making body than a public corporation."

The regulator said that the privatisation "gave the companies very favourable balance sheets, which has facilitated diversification and takeovers. Whether government will wish to adjust the balance struck between shareholders and taxpayers in 1989, remains an option, but one for the Chancellor".

Mr Byatt acknowledged that the sell-off of water and its regulation had thrown into question issues of legitimacy and accountability. But he said there was more room for government intervention in utility regulators.

He said: "One might expect government to conduct medium-term reviews of the framework, looking at the tasks given to the regulator, and to decide whether the statute — and any associated guidelines — are still appropriate."

☐ Disconnections from water supply fell 42 per cent last year. Supply cuts to households that failed to pay bills fell to 5,826 from 10,047 the previous year. Thames had the highest household disconnections at 1,075 (1,130).



Sir Michael Perry says consumer confidence is the core issue

UK blamed by Unilever for fiasco over beef

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SIR MICHAEL PERRY, chairman of Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products group that owns Birds Eye frozen foods, is the first leading City figure to put pressure on the Government to take more decisive action on the "mad cow" disease crisis.

Sir Michael, speaking at yesterday's annual meeting, said that the blame for the fiasco over the BSE crisis lay with the UK and not in Europe.

He said: "There is a tendency in some quarters to portray the sources of the troubles in the BSE fiasco as lying abroad, particularly in the hands of our European partners. This is not where they lie. They lie at home and it is here, in the United Kingdom, where the solutions must be sought."

Sir Michael said consumer confidence is the issue at the heart of the BSE scare and the UK food companies have sought to assure consumers of the quality and safety of their beef products.

He said: "I would like to place on record that we have every confidence in the British beef industry's commitment and ability to put matters right."

Last week Unilever revealed that it had written off £15 million for the cost of wasted stock after it halted its Birds Eye frozen beefburger production line.

The Birds Eye frozen food operation stopped making beefburgers at its factory in Lowestoft, Suffolk. The 1,000 workers at the plant were moved to other production lines.

March's decision came after the Government confirmed the possibility of a link between BSE and CJD, its human equivalent.

The cost effectively wiped out the gain in profit made by the rest of its European operations during the first three months of this year.

Sir Michael added: "The sound and fury that has accompanied the handling of the BSE crisis must not be allowed to spill over into wider European relations and get in the way of our positive commitment to the single market."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German wage talks break down again

A SECOND round of wage talks for about 3.2 million German public sector workers ended yesterday without agreement, union officials said. Talks between the OeTV union and negotiators for the federal, state and local governments were scheduled to resume on May 13. Herbert Mai, head of the OeTV union, said that government negotiators did not put foward a wage proposal to counter the union's demand for a 4.5 per cent wage increase. In the first round, government negotiators presented demands that included cuts in sick pay and longer working hours.

Manfred Kanther, Interior Minister for Germany, who has been involved in the negotiations, said yesterday that he wanted to resume discussions on the demands. Reductions in sick pay are part of a package of spending cuts and tax reforms agreed by the German Government's ruling coalition several weeks ago. The Government wants to reduce sick pay in Germany to 80 per cent of normal wages or, alternatively, enable employees to exchange five sick days for one day of leave. The union earlier threatened to take strike action if employers continued to demand cuts in sick pay.

Oil demand likely to fall

THE International Energy Agency (IEA) has revised downward its forecast for world demand for crude oil in 1996 by 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 71.6 million bpd. In its monthly study, the Paris-based agency also said crude demand by OECD members would stay at 39.8 million bpd in the second quarter. Demand for the first quarter was revised downward, by 0.1 million barrels to 41.9 million bpd. The IEA forecast that output by OPEC nations would reach 26.1 million bpd, slightly up over the March output.

French growth forecast

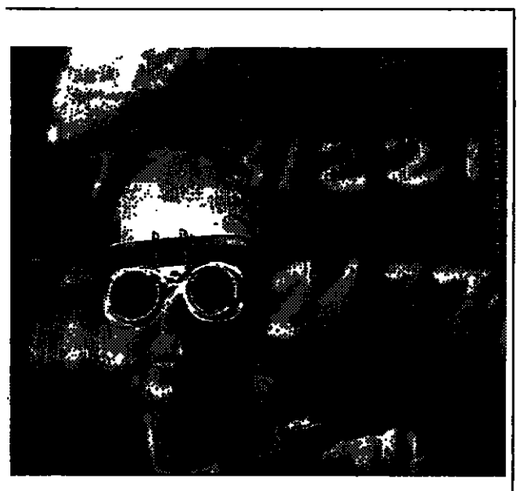
FRENCH economic growth is estimated at 0.8 per cent to 0.9 per cent for the first quarter of the year compared with the previous quarter, and at 0.4 per cent to 0.5 per cent in the second quarter on the first, according to Crédit Lyonnais. The bank said the growth in the first part of this year, after a decline of 0.4 per cent in the last quarter of 1995 from the third quarter, is partly due to a catch-up after strikes last December. The French Government forecasts an increase in real GDP this year of 1.3 per cent.

US media deal opposed

US anti-trust authorities are seeking to block or substantially modify the $7 billion merger of Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting, the *Washington Post* reported. It said the Federal Trade Commission is concerned that the deal, which would create the world's largest media-entertainment group, could hurt competition in television production and distribution. The commission declined to comment on the report and Time Warner and Turner expressed confidence the deal would be approved by September 1996.

Protesters target RTZ

TWO environmental groups are expected to stage protests at today's annual shareholders' meeting of RTZ-CRA, voicing objections against planned projects by the world's biggest mining firm in Irian Jaya in Indonesia and Madagascar. Friends of the Earth wants RTZ to stop developing plans for a mineral sands mine, which they claim would destroy two thirds of a unique forest in Madagascar. World Development Movement said it will use the meeting to step up its campaign to make the company pull out of Irian Jaya.



Same old routine? –Not this time.

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Operating income, after depreciation: SEK 895 M (1 124). Financial income and expense – net: SEK -84 M (-217). The improvement was mainly due to forward contract transactions.

Earnings per share after tax: SEK 4.60 (5.05). Capital expenditures in property, plant and equipment: SEK 434 M (398). Number of employees: 43 678 (42 454). Group inventories amounted to 26.4 percent (25.2) of annual sales.

A new plant for the production of automotive Hub Units for cars and trucks will be built at Aiken, South Carolina, USA, together with a new Technical Center in Detroit. Production is scheduled to commence during spring 1997. Total investments in the U.S. amount to approximately SEK 900 M.

MARKET PROSPECTS: In a weak European market, there are few signs that demand will gain momentum, while the trend in the U.S. is somewhat better. The Asian market continues to grow and Latin America is showing signs of slow improvement.

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Insurance fraud in Europe costs £6.5bn

BY OUR CITY STAFF

EUROPEAN insurance companies have declared war on fraud costing them 8 billion ecus (£6.56 billion).

"The growth of the problem in Europe over the last 20 years now makes fraud one of the major problems for European insurance," the European Insurance Committee (CEA) said yesterday. CEA represents the insurance sector in Europe, including the 15-nation European Union.

The cost of fraud is approximately the same as the entire premium income for Sweden or for the Irish, Greek and Portuguese markets combined, according to a study by the Brussels body.

Car insurance was the worst affected market, said Francis Loheac, the CEA's secretary-general. But fire and house insurance were also open to dishonest claims.

CEA did not have any estimate of insurance fraud in the past, but thought it had risen dramatically to the extent of justifying coordinated action to fight the problem. The alternative was that insurance clients would continue to foot the bill. M Loheac said: "The cost of fraud cannot be passed on indefinitely in premiums."

The CEA study was prompted by alerts from particularly affected markets such as France and Britain. Fraud involving car insurance reached alarming proportions in France with some 400,000 to 500,000 vehicles being stolen in the past few years.

Lucas leaps as talks with US firm are confirmed

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Lucas Industries rose 25½p to 233½p yesterday after confirmation that the UK car parts and aerospace group confirmed it is talks with Varity Corporation of the United States on a potential "combination of businesses."

Some observers believe a full merger, creating a £3 billion group, is likely. Both Lucas, based in Solihull, West Midlands, and Varity's Kelsey-Hayes subsidiary are leaders in the supply of vehicle braking systems and yesterday's statement said the "preliminary discussions" included their respective braking operations.

However, Lucas said: "The company emphasises discussions are in a very early stage and there can be no assurances that any agreement will be reached." Varity once owned Massey Ferguson, the tractor maker, and still owns the Perkins diesel engine manufacturer in the UK, which would complement Lucas's diesel operations.

Earlier this year, George Simpson, Lucas chief executive, said international component suppliers would have to consolidate to survive. He predicted there might be no more than 20 global suppliers by 2000.

If he pulled off a merger or substantial joint venture, it would be a lasting legacy for the former Rover Group chairman, who is due to succeed managing director Lord Weinstock at GEC in the autumn.

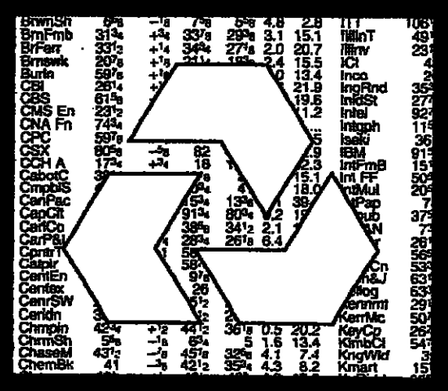
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Canada $	2.168	2.008
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Denmark Kr	9.48	8.68
Finland Mkk	7.82	7.17
France Fr	8.19	7.54
Germany Dm	2.45	2.24
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.32	11.32
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.3400	4.6900
Italy Lira	2480.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	172.90	156.90
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlds Gld	2.719	2.489
New Zealand $	2.35	2.13
Norway Kr	10.48	9.68
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.00
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☐ Midlands marriage poser for PowerGen ☐ Banks draw up their action plan ☐ Takeover strife in southwest London

Spectre at the altar

☐ ANYONE who has attended a wedding knows that awful, pin-drop silence that follows the words "lawful impediment". There is always the split-second, irrational vision of some long-lost lover appearing on the church steps crying "It should have been me!"

Casting a pall over what should have been the perfect day for Midlands yesterday was one *discarded suitor, Ed Wallis* at PowerGen is still an angry man, and he has it in him to make the honeymoon an uncomfortable experience.

PowerGen is not ruling out a judicial review of Ian Lang's decision to block its own marriage with Midlands, which cleared the way for the joint American bid. But Mr Wallis is not confirming he will go ahead with one. This is as well, since he and his corporate lawyers must know it would have precious little chance of success.

The only possible challenge would be to claim Mr Lang's block for the PowerGen-Midlands merger was *ultra vires*, that it was not in Mr Lang's power to make such a decision. This is nonsense; bodies such as the Monopolies and Mergers Commission are paid to advise, and politicians such as Mr Lang to take decisions based on that advice, however much one might disagree with those decisions.

So what is PowerGen playing at? There is always pleasure in sheer cussedness, in unsettling all concerned by waiting to the last moment to accept the inevitable. There is also the option of the company retaining its 21 per cent stake in Midlands for a while, *perhaps to strike some deal with* the Americans. Tempting: the latter might be keen to take agreed output from PowerGen's stations, which could then be sold on to the newly-competitive supply market in 1998.

This drive into supply was always the impetus behind the original PowerGen-Midlands merger. But the climate, if it changes, will most likely move away from the sort of vertical integration PowerGen dreams of, especially if there is a Labour government.

What the Americans have done, by paying 74p a share more than PowerGen was prepared to offer last year, is throw into sharp relief the attractions of the five remaining regional electricity companies, or at least three of them. Southern is back in play. The company, once ambitious for expansion under its own steam, has already accepted the idea of a takeover from outside.

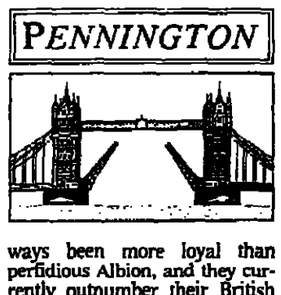
Northern and East Midlands have emptied the coffers with scorched-earth policies that make them less attractive. But London and Yorkshire's own shareholder packages were more of a singed lawn really. A bid for London at least from Houston Industries looks like the next throw in the electricity game.

A light at the Tunnel's end

☐ THE Channel Tunnel is the property of the banks that funded its construction. That is a fact — Eurotunnel, the operator, owes its syndicate of 225 banks more than £10 for every pound of its market worth.

No one, neither the banks nor the shareholders, is happy about this. French investors have always been more loyal than perfidious Albion, and they currently outnumber their British counterparts by four to one. Today, a trainload of French shareholders, their minds no doubt alive with folk memories of Bastille Day, will head for Eurotunnel's Calais terminal with a demand that the banks write off 30 per cent of the debt.

Not entirely coincidentally, the banks will today table their own early proposals for financial restructuring. Their aim is to convert part of the debt into equity, and recast the remainder *into loans at an interest rate* more in line with current market rates than the 8.6 per cent that Eurotunnel is currently liable for, if not actually paying.



The proposals are, of course, designed to extract maximum value for the banks' shareholders. Sir Alastair Morton and his French co-chairman, Patrick Ponsolle, have already signalled their intent to fight a doughty rearguard action on behalf of shareholders, as is their duty.

Investors will still be obliged to accept a hefty level of dilution. The argument will be over how much. The tunnel will have revenues of around £450 million this year, against some £700 million of interest falling due. Keep too much debt, and the tunnel will remain on its financial treadmill, battling to generate enough cash to meet its interest bill.

But shareholders know that they will be better off with a smaller slice of a larger, if thinner cake, than a hefty wedge of something entirely indigestible. If the banks can cut the right *deal, Eurotunnel stock could yet* come back into fashion, a startling thought. At the last count, French investors held 56.6 per cent of the equity, compared to 30.32 per cent held in the United Kingdom.

British pension funds and private investors are big buyers of utility stocks, provided the numbers stack up. Almost all are underweight in Eurotunnel shares. At the right price, they might buy Eurotunnel back from the banks — to the relief of everyone concerned.

Trouble in store

☐ IT is a long way from the Scott inquiry to the Department Store That Time Forgot. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, has been asked to intervene in the affairs of Elys of Wimbledon.

The battle being fought out in this leafy corner of southwest London looks the classic case of the unspeakable in pursuit of the inedible. On one side is Panther Securities, a property tiddler with no retail experience that has launched a highly unconventional £6.8 million takeover for a business that might politely be described as soporific. On the other, a management that controls a large chunk of the shares through charitable trusts.

Panther's two-tier offer has been designed to unpeel these trusts, some family controlled, and has had only partial success. Panther speaks for half the company but needs 65 per cent; the management can use the trusts to block this. Ten per cent of Elys is owned by the staff pension scheme — not good in today's climate. This is where Sir Nicholas might come in, along with the Charity Commissioners, although both could probably do without the hassle.

Panther admits the only reason for the two-tier offer is to get around the trust structure. It might also allow control to be bought on the cheap, if not everyone accepts. Elys, desperately underperforming and menaced by a huge new mall nearby, might seem to have little future in retail, and one assumes Panther sees it as a pure property development play. This so, the ideal solution would seem for the offer to be upped slightly and made a straightforward one that the trusts would be legally bound to accept. This might save Sir Nicholas some trouble too.

BSkyB switch into digital will allow 500-channel spread

By Paul Durman

BSKYB, the satellite television group, is pressing ahead with a move to digital technology that will allow it to offer up to 500 channels.

Sam Chisholm, chairman and chief executive of British Sky Broadcasting, said yesterday that the new digital service will be launched in the second half of next year, initially with about 200 channels. This huge increase in capacity will allow it to schedule movies at a variety of times and will also increase the scope for "pay-per-view" television.

BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, has already secured space on a new satellite that will be launched in the autumn of next year.

Yesterday, BSkyB reported pre-tax profits of £177.5 million for the nine months to March 31. This was a 71 per cent increase on the same period in the previous year, and more than the company made in the whole of its previous financial year.

This advance was helped by a £20 million reduction in interest payments, reflecting the money that the company raised on its flotation at the end of 1994. Operating profits were 32 per cent higher at £222.7 million, on turnover that was 30 per cent ahead at £736.3 million.

The number of subscribers has risen to 5,349,000, an increase of 800,000 on the figure at this time last year. Mr Chisholm said this meant that one in five British households now subscribes to Sky. The total now includes 1.6 million subscribers with cable television.

Mr Chisholm said that Sky made a small profit on its first experiment with pay-per-view television, the Frank Bruno-Mike Tyson fight for the WBC world heavyweight title. More than 15 per cent of Sky's subscribers paid to see the bout, even though it was scheduled to be broadcast at 4am.

He would not be drawn on Sky's plans for further pay-per-view events. "It's got to be something very special," Mr Chisholm said. "It needn't necessarily be boxing. It might be a concert in the summer."

The extension of pay-per-view into football relied on the agreement of the football authorities, he added.

Mr Chisholm said that it would be a setback if BSkyB were to lose its exclusive contract to show live Premiership football matches, but he described such a prospect as "unthinkable".

The contract comes up for renewal next year, and other consortia are reportedly considering bids of up to £500 million a year. Mr Chisholm was dismissive of their chances. He said that, at the end of the day, there are unlikely to be any serious contenders other than Sky.

Vodafone pays £300m to raise French telecom stake

By Martin Barrow

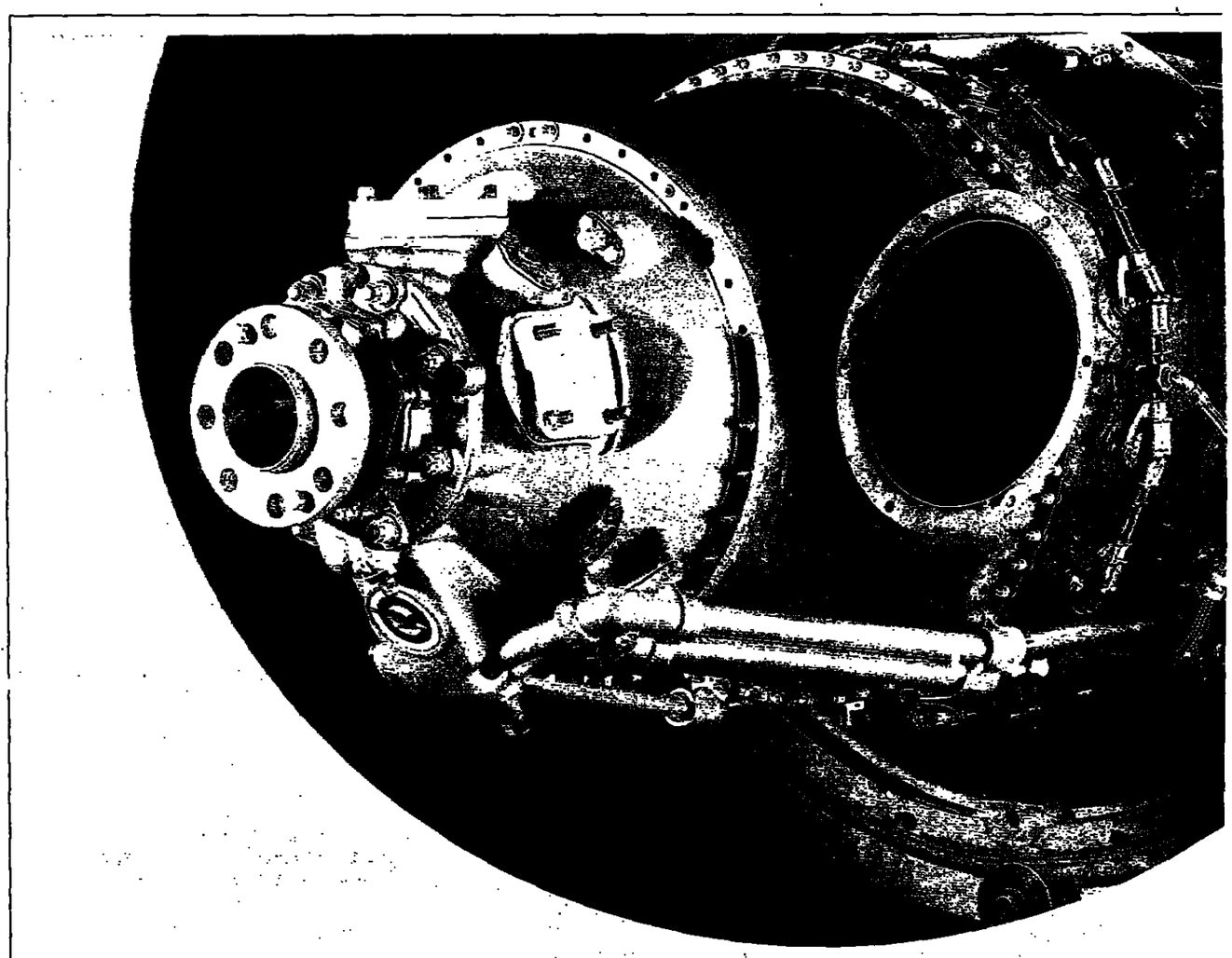
VODAFONE, the UK mobile telecommunications company, has lifted its interest in Société Francaise de Radiotéléphonie (SFR) to 16.5 per cent, from 10 per cent, at a total cost of almost £300 million. SFR operates one of the two mobile telephone networks available in France, in competition with France Telecom, with approximately 555,000 subscribers, of which 418,000 are connected to its digital GSM service.

The company claims that it attracted 40 per cent of total new subscriptions at the end of 1995 and about 50 per cent in the first quarter this year. However, competition is set to intensify, with Bouygues Telecom, which won a third licence in January 1995, due to start its services on May 29.

Vodafone is to pay a total of FFr2.3 billion for the shares, comprising FFr1.84 billion on completion at the end of July and the balance in July 2001. Vodafone has an option to further increase its shareholding in SFR to 20 per cent by the end of 1997.

The acquisition is part of a 1994 partnership between Compagnie Générale des Eaux and Vodafone. SFR's other shareholder is Cofira, a subsidiary of Générale des Eaux, in which Southwestern Bell Corporation, of America, and Alcatel have minority interests.

In France, subscriber penetration was less than 3 per cent of the total population at March 31.





Sir David Simon sees opportunities in take-or-pay contracts

Scope for gas deal says BP

By Carl Mortished

NEGOTIATIONS over take-or-pay gas contracts could provide an opportunity for BP, the oil company said yesterday, after announcing a surge in first-quarter profits.

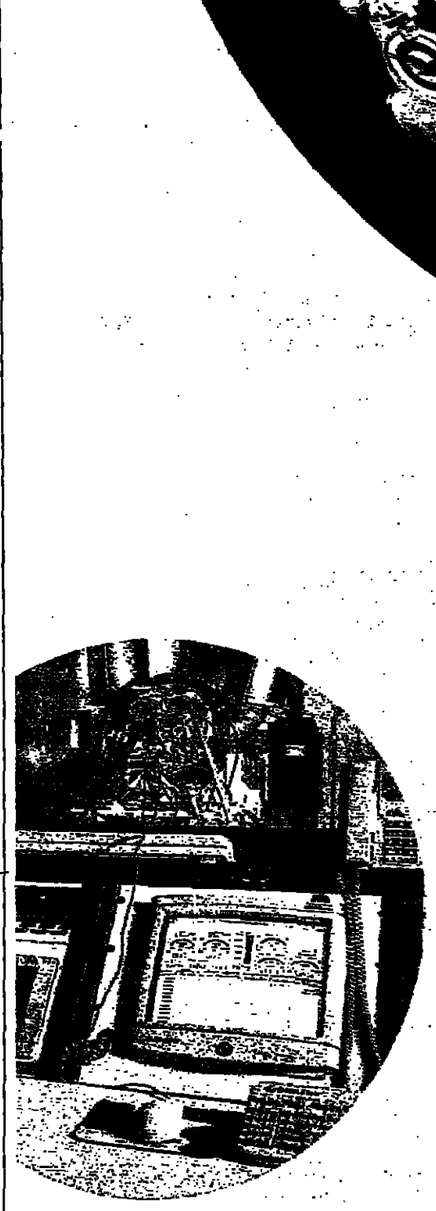
Stronger oil prices helped to raise BP's replacement cost profit before exceptional items from £461 million in the first quarter of 1995 to £633 million.

Sir David Simon, chairman, said that negotiations with British Gas over the contracts should not be seen just as a problem but as an opportunity to supply more gas and secure more competition for the consumer.

"From our point of view it is an opportunity to achieve greater flexibility of supply, if we can structure it correctly," said Sir David.

BP's exploration and production profits rose £543 million to £737 million, with lower oil production but record gas production, up 24 per cent in the cold weather.

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Forte gets MAID service

By Alasdair Murray

GUESTS in Forte hotels will soon be able to surf the Internet while munching breakfast in bed.

Forte, which was recently taken over by Granada, has linked up with MAID, the on-line publisher, to wire up its 50,000 hotel rooms worldwide to the Internet. The new service will include access to MAID's business and news databases as well as direct access to the Internet.

Shares in MAID rose 27p in London to close at a year high of 249p.

MAID said that net access in Forte hotels would be provided in two stages. MAID will initially provide pay-as-you-go access to its Profound Business Intelligence databases through dedicated terminals located in the business centres throughout Forte's international hotels. But ultimately MAID aims to provide full access to its databases, and the Internet, through in-room television sets. MAID will manage Forte's own Internet homepages which will provide detailed information on Forte services.

Analysts said that the deal would generate little new revenue but it should ensure that MAID becomes a familiar name to business travellers worldwide. The company's share price has been strengthening in recent months after a series of agreements to expand distribution of its databases.

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STOCK MARKET | MICHAEL CLARK



National Grid sparks as Capel starts to sell

IT looks as if James Capel, the broker, has begun unloading some of the 210 million shares in **National Grid** it bought from Hanson last week.

In heavy trading of National Grid shares yesterday several large lines of stock went through, indicating that part of the 12.4 per cent stake was finally on the move to the eventual buyer. A line of 9 million shares went through at 204p followed by a line of 6 million at the same price and a line of 3.76 million.

By the close of business, 32.7 million shares had changed hands with the price unchanged at 198½p despite the huge turnover. Further heavy turnover is expected in the shares today as the rest of the shares are cleared.

Last week Capel paid Hanson 192½p for a total of 210 million shares which Hanson acquired when it bought Eastern Group. Most of those shares were held by the broker on its books as a trading position. Capel later confirmed that it had hedged its position with Olayan, Saudi Arabian backed company based in Athens. But there were doubts in the market that Olayan would turn out to be the eventual buyer.

Elsewhere in the electrical sector, **Midlands Electricity** stood out with a rise of 10p to 433p after agreeing terms of a £1.7 billion bid from General Public Utilities of New Jersey and Cinergy of Ohio. The Americans dipped into the market and picked up a 9 per cent stake in Midlands and by the close almost 59 million shares had traded.

News of the deal comes just a couple of weeks after the Government blocked a proposed bid for Midland from PowerGen. But the terms of the joint American bid of 440p a share failed to match the expectations of most City speculators who had been looking for a price of nearer 500p a share. **PowerGen**, down 8p at 549p, is expected to make a profit of around £80 million on its 20 per cent stake in Midland. Other bids in the sector are now expected to follow, including one for Southern which had a similar offer from National Power rejected by the Government. **Southern** firmed 5p to 844p with **Yorkshire** 6p better at 829p, **London** 7p higher at 826p and **East Midlands** 8p firmer at 635p.

Attempts at a rally by the rest of the market after a cautious start soon faltered with dealers worried by the prospect of a further shakeout on Wall Street. In the event, the caution showed by most brokers proved well founded with the Dow Jones extending this week's fall and tumbling more than 40 points in early trading.

The London market now looks set to dive below the 3,700 mark and could soon find itself testing 3,650. Last night it closed 28.6 down at 3,723.0 in thin trading that saw less than 700 million shares traded.



Harry Ramsden's shares rose on speculation about a bid

Lucas Industries enjoyed an early mark-up with the price touching 242½p before finishing 25½p better at 233½p after confirming it was in talks with Varity, the US auto components group. Some brokers say that a merger is unlikely and that the two sides are discussing joint ventures.

The talks with Varity coincide with the recent news that George Simpson, chief executive, is leaving to take over the running of GEC.

Another company facing the prospect of a bid is **Harry Ramsden's**, the quality fish and chip restaurant chain, where the price soared 53p to an all-time high of 437p. In the past week alone, the price has come up from around 326p. There is talk of a bid from either **Whitbread**, 1p cheaper at 746p, or **Rank Organisation**, 1p lighter at 532p. At the levels, the group is valued at almost £34 million.

BP failed to benefit from better than expected first quarter figures with the price losing 13p at 569p. A strong crude oil price and the cold winter weather enabled the group to increase net income from £461 million to £633 million. The only flat spot was industrial chemicals which suffered a downturn along with other companies in the industry. Brokers were impressed with the group's efforts to improve margins. On Thursday, rival **Shell**, down 9p at 855p, is due to unveil first-quarter figures.

The reason for the recent strong performance by shares of Gus Carter, the Sunderland bookmaker, has become apparent with the group announcing it is in bid talks with Stanley Leisure. Talks are said to be at an early stage but could result in an agreed bid with the terms pitched above Friday's closing price of 78p. Gus Carter came to market last year with the price pitched at 80p, but the shares were hit in November by a profits warning.

Gus Carter responded to the news with a rise of 6p to 84p, while Stanley Leisure was unmoved at 475p.

BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting channel 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, lost an early lead to close all square at 454p. Third-quarter figures were overshadowed by the news that the group plans to switch to digital broadcasting next year.

Tate & Lyle was a nervous market ahead of figures falling 8p to 476p.

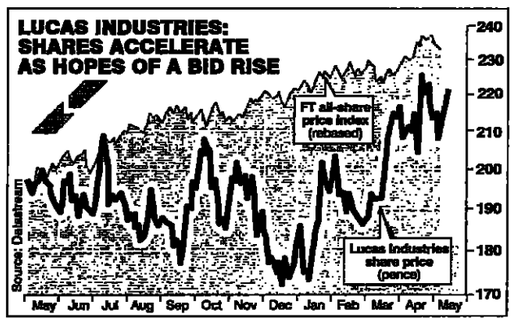
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The bond market barely stirred as investors waited for a cut in interest rates to co-incide with today's monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George Governor of the Bank of England. The odds of a cut in rates are the subject of some long prices among market-makers who believe the prospects appear remote.

Investor apathy was clearly reflected in the futures pit where just 17,000 contracts were completed as the price closed unchanged at £104$^{9}/_{32}$.

It was a similar story among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £$^{1}/_{32}$ down at £95$^{11}/_{16}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was unmoved at £101$^{21}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: A long bond yield still above 7 per cent discouraged investors on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 26.38 points weaker at 5,437.93.

Great Universal Stores continues to reel from last week's profits warning, with a fall of 8p, to 688p, taking to 47p the week-long slide. The group's problems were compounded yesterday by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, which is urging clients to switch out of GUS and into Marks & Spencer, 1p firmer at 426p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):		
Dow Jones	5437.93	(-26.38)
S&P Composite	638.58	(-2.23)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	21495.28	(-107.10)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	10702.17	(+4.63)
Amsterdam:		
EOE Index	559.59	(-0.23)
Sydney:		
AO	2308.3	(+11.1)
Frankfurt:		
DAX	2479.53	(+10.62)
Singapore:		
Straits	2396.16	(-4.52)
Brussels:		
General	9066.81	(+4.67)
Paris:		
CAC-40	2083.74	(-6.68)
Zurich:		
SKA Gen	780.80	(-1.60)
London:		
FT 30	2796.4	(-7.1)
FT 100	3723.0	(-28.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	4525.5	(+10.2)
FT-SE-A 350	1892.0	(-10.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1666.25	(-1.76)
FT A All-Share	1877.91	(-9.31)
FT Non Financials	2002.65	(-9.63)
FT Fixed Interest	111.48	(+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	91.59	(+0.02)
Bargains	34479	
SEAQ Volume	694.3m	
USM (Datastrm)	214.29	(+0.57)
US$	1.5114	(+0.0086)
German Mark	2.2993	(+0.0041)
Exchange Index	83.9	(+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)		
£/ECU	1.2054	
£/SDR	n/a	
RPI	151.5 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100	
RPIX	150.9 Mar (2.9%) Jan 1987=100	

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Distribution	94	...
Active Imaging	120	...
Cairngorm BS IT Ut	925	...
Cairngorm Unit Wts	225	...
Cap for Co's VCT (100)	95	...
Cardcast (85)	73	– 5
FNR	39	...
Harvey Nichols (270)	308	– 8
MSB International	244	+ 10
Millnm & Copt (278)	319	...
Perp Inc & Gth Wts	19	...
Phytopharm (175)	178	...
Romtec	76	...
Singer & Frd AIM Wts	11	+ 2
Singer & Fried AIM	98	...
Sira Bus Svs Wts	1½	...
Sira Business Svs	4	...
Stentor	93	+ 7
Templeton C&E Euro	26	...
Tradepoint Finel	185	...
Waterfall (45)	52	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benson Group n/p (40)	5	...
Cap Reg 675% ULS n/p	1½	– ½
Indl Control n/p (90)	24	...
Knox D'Arcy n/p	1	...
On Demand n/p (180)	5	– 1
Queensbrgh n/p (28)	1½	...
Tottenham Hot n/p	90	– 3

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Ramsdens (H)	437p (+53p)
DCS Group	110p (+13p)
MAID	245p (+23p)
Chiroscience	500p (+45p)
Young 'A'	580p (+22p)
Forward Gp	780p (+22p)

FALLS:

Northamber	279p (-10p)
Royal	424p (-13p)
Sun Alliance	402p (-12p)
Br Petroleum	569p (-13p)
BAT	495p (-11p)
Gen Accident	834p (-13p)
HSBC	948p (-19p)
Norbain	550p (-11p)
Stand Chart	603p (-11p)
Com Union	605p (-10p)
Glaxo Wellcome	779p (-21p)

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TEMPUS

Put the brakes on Lucas

THE stock market decided yesterday that Lucas was in play and slapped a bid premium on its shares but investors could be disappointed to discover there is no bidder lurking in the wings. In fact, the only obvious buyer of Lucas is the company in which it is currently engaged in talks and all the indications are that these will be lengthy, leading — if all goes well — to some sort of merger or combination of the respective brakes businesses of Varity and Lucas. Lucas has been talking about the future of its brakes business for years and it is only now, as the current chief executive departs for GEC, that hard-headed negotiations are underway. Indeed, it is a sore point for Lucas that one of its rivals Bosch has already beaten Lucas to the post, doing the sort of deal that Lucas is contemplating today.

Motor component makers are beginning to split into two camps: pure component makers supplying bits of cars and larger groups which can not only make brakes but design, engineer and supply a new braking system and possibly fit it to the car in plants around the world. The trend to source from all singing and dancing suppliers is accelerating. Lucas lacked expertise in ABS brakes and needed a partner to give it more clout.

Varity is the dream partner as its Kelsey Hayes business provides expertise in ABS and a big share of the US market and a potential 25 per cent worldwide. The risk for Lucas at this juncture is not that it will flush out a predator — a buyer such as BTR would still face the need of forging an alliance in brakes —but that it will fail to agree terms with Varity, leaving Lucas sidelined by rivals such as Bosch.

BP

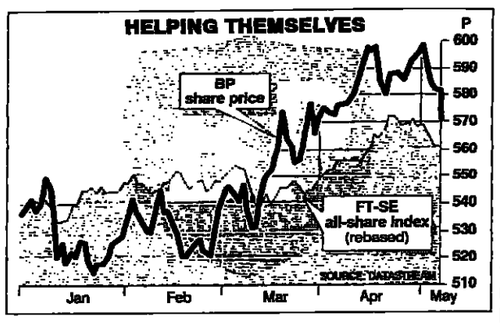
A CONFUSED market just could not make up its mind about BP's figures and in the end decided to mark the oil company down with the rest of the stock market leaders. However, the raw numbers ought to have demonstrated that BP is delivering on its promise to make its assets work harder.

The price of crude oil, cold weather and a decision by British Gas to nominate a lot of BP fields account for good upstream results. More surprising was the better than expected downstream picture.

BP's chemicals division put in a remarkably good performance in the first quarter compared with many of its US peers which suffered downturns because of continuing destocking and rising feedstock prices.

In refining and marketing, BP also managed to show some gains despite continuing losses in the UK, with Europe back in profit after two quarters of losses.

Self help accounted for more than half of the profit improvement in the first quarter and half of that from cost reductions. With BP well past its recovery stage, the cost reductions will dwindle in importance and the company will have to rely more on volume gains. However, the company has investments in place capable of delivering much of the needed production. The wild card is the oil price; weakness from that quarter could depress the shares and provide a buying opportunity.



Stanley Leisure

ALONGSIDE rumoured bids for Ladbroke and William Hill, Stanley Leisure's takeover of North East bookmaker Gus Carter is a midget of a deal. But it may well mark the start of a shake-out in Britain's betting shop industry.

With only 72 shops, Gus Carter was perhaps too small for life in the City spotlight. Within weeks of coming to the market in May last year, the company was clobbered by forces — the National Lottery and the weather —that damaged the profits of much larger rivals. The long hot summer (and then the cold winter) caused owners to withdraw horses from races making them less interesting and easier for punters to back winning favourites.

After the last year, it would be easy to take a gloomy view of the UK betting industry. Yet the very success of the National Lottery illustrates the extent of the potential interest in gambling. The US experience suggests the easing of gambling restrictions should help. The question is whether Ladbroke, William Hill and Coral will all be in the race a year from now. The odds do not look good.

Chiroscience

BIOTECH companies are not made like ordinary companies and Chiroscience is no exception. On Friday, its shares closed at 455p. But yesterday it revealed the details of its expected share issue — a 1 for 7 placing and offer at 410p — while at the same time announcing that a 10 per cent shareholder, Schroder Ventures was bailing out.

Instead of falling, the shares soared to 500p and this is scarcely suprising. The reasons for the cash call were well known, particularly the decision to go it alone in developing the anaesthetic levobupivacaine and scrap its joint venture with Pharmacia. More exciting to investors were suggestions that Chiroscience had developed a compound that could improve on Marimastat, the cancer drug developed by British Biotech.

Chiroscience is still years from making money from its drugs so signs of a cash call are seen as good news — the research is yielding products worth developing — rather than weakness. Given the share price rise yesterday, existing holders are looking at an instant gain from their entitlement to new shares.

More questionable is the need to underwrite this issue. With volatile share prices and riding on the success of pure research, biotech companies are almost perfect candidates for non-underwritten deep discount issues. As it happens the underwriters will walk away with £2 million for guaranteeing the value of stock now worth 122 per cent of the issue price. Nice work if you can get it.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1065-1000	Jul	1050-1048
Jul	1105-1104	Sep	unq
Sep	1124-1123	Dec	–
Dec	1038-1027	Mar	–
Mar	1028-1026		
May	1039-1038	Volume: 4211	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1945-1940	Jan	1888-1886
Jul	1932-1931	Mar	1855-1854
Sep	1924-1921	May	1840-1820
Nov	1920-1913	Volume: 1905	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	324.5-24.0
Spot: unq		May	324.0-22.5
Aug	365.5-65.2	Aug	326.0-23.5
Oct	334.3-33.2	Oct	315.5-11.5
Dec	325.5-24.0	Volume: 1124	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	107.24	140.46	102.25
(+/–)	-1.78	+7.58	-2.57
Eng/Wales	107.03	187.11	102.39
(+/–)	-1.88	-2.58	-4.18
(%)	-39.0	-48.0	-48.0
Scotland	110.80	138.45	101.35
(+/–)	-0.9p	+3.38	-5.27
(%)	-7.0	-36.0	-25.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.00	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.45	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.40	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.10	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	223 (+3)	235 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	169 (+2)	171 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	106 (+2)	108 (+2)
Naphtha	192 (n/c)	195 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	166.50-66.75	Aug	162.25 SLR
Jun	164.75-65.00	Sep	162.25-62.50
Jul	163.25-63.50	Vol: 10829	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.46-19.50	Sep	17.45 BID
Jul	18.42-18.43	Oct	n/a
Aug	17.82-17.85	Vol: 36554	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	130.40	May	116.00
Jul	132.50	Sep	110.75
Sep	116.35	Nov	111.30
Nov	117.60	Jan	113.50
Jan	119.50	Mar	115.25
Volume: 319		Volume: 31	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
May	129.0	128.5
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	–	83.50
Volume: 89		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS CIF p/k)

May ——— 100.50-101.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1420	1405	1404
Jun 96	1312	1312	1311
Jul 96	unq	–	–
Oct 96	1350	1350	1350
Vol: 25 lots	Open Interest: 4392		

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(Officials) (Volume prev day)

Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2755.0-2760.0
Lead ($/tonne)	857.00-859.00
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1046.0-1047.0
Tin ($/tonne)	6589.0-6590.0
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1622.5-1623.0
Nickel ($/tonne)	8195.0-8200.0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rostoff Wolff

3mths: 2638.0-2639.0 — Vol: 1983025

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
May	139½	81½	43½	18	4½	1
Jun	147½	110	77	50	29	16
Jul	171	134½	104	76½	53½	36
Aug	186½	152½	121	93	69½	50
Dec	354½	–	192.	–	144½	–
Puts						
May	4½	9	21½	47	86	135
Jun	21½	34½	53	77½	107	140½
Jul	40	59½	73	95½	123½	156
Aug	52½	68	86	109	136½	169½
Dec	95½	–	132½	–	183	–

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3738.0	3754.0	3712.0	3725.0	13649
Previous open interest: 63736	Sep 96	3734.0	3741.0	3734.0	3740.0	51
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4531.0	0
Previous open interest: 4324	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	94.04	94.05	94.02	94.03	7924
Previous open interest: 367980	Sep 96	93.87	93.90	93.86	93.89	7586
	Dec 96	93.53	93.55	93.52	93.54	7465
Three Month Euro Yen	Sep 96	98.77	98.77	98.77	98.77	250
	Dec 96	98.44	98.44	98.44	98.44	300
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.82	96.82	96.78	96.78	17181
Previous open interest: 1110117	Sep 96	96.82	96.83	96.80	96.81	19819
Long Gilt	Jun 96	104-23	104-27	104-15	104-19	17141
Previous open interest: 127874	Sep 96	103-22	103-22	103-15	103-16	274
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	117.98	117.98	117.86	117.90	3150
	Sep 96	116.76	116.78	116.68	116.71	1379
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	95.93	96.04	95.72	95.73	99516
Previous open interest: 203909	Sep 96	95.05	95.07	94.78	94.79	1833
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.77	95.77	95.75	95.76	918
Previous open interest: 25214	Sep 96	95.76	95.78	95.76	95.78	381
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	98.12	98.12	98.04	98.06	4521
Previous open interest: 59219	Sep 96	98.01	98.02	97.97	97.99	4044
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	114.05	114.31	113.76	113.81	26371
Previous open interest: 65068	Sep 96	113.60	113.60	113.18	113.19	311

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½

Discount Market Loans: Overnight high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⅝ : 3 mth 5⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅝ : 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝–5½	5⅝–5⅝	5⅝–5⅝	5⅝–5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6½–6	6½–6	6¼–6	6¼–6¼	6¼–6⅛
Interbank:	6¼–6	6¼–6	6¼–6	6¼–6¼	6¼–6⅛
Overnight: open 6⅛, close 6					
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	6¼	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6¼–5¾	6¼–5¾	6¼–5⅝	6¼–6	6¼–6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.35	n/a	5.38	5.52	5.85
Building Society CDs:	6½–6	6½–6	6½–6	6¼–6¼	6¼–6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛–4¾	5⅛–5⅛	5¼–5¼	5¼–5⅛	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛–3⅛	3⅛–3⅛	3⅛–3⅛	3¼–3¼	3½–2½
French Franc	3⅝–3⅜	3⅝–3⅜	3⅝–3⅜	3⅝–3⅜	4-3
Swiss Franc	2-1¾	2-1⅝	1⅝–1⅜	1⅝–1⅜	2-1
Yen	⅛–¼	⅛–¼	⅛–¼	⅛–⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $393.60-393.90 Close: $393.40-393.90 High: $393.40-393.90
Low $392.00-392.50 AM: $393.75 PM: $393.70

Krugerrand: $393.00-396.00 (£259.75-261.75)

Platinum: $404.40 (£267.65) Silver: $5.48 (£3.625) Palladium: $135.00 (£89.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5667-2.5727	2.5684-2.5708	½–¼pr	2½–2pr
Brussels	47.23-47.3p	47.23-47.32	13-10pr	35-30pr
Copenhagen	8.8860-8.8884	8.8860-8.8752	2-1½pr	5½–4½pr
Dublin	0.9643-0.9670	0.9648-0.9666	¾–6pr	2½–1¾pr
Frankfurt	2.2981-2.3022	2.2981-2.3002	½–¼pr	1¾–1½pr
Lisbon	236.04-236.67	236.13-236.36	½–¾ds	½–¼ds
Madrid	191.35-191.98	191.35-191.60	23-35ds	68-85ds
Milan	2349.9-2354.1	2351.3-2353.7	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0580-2.0660	2.0642-2.0660	0.25-0.30pr	0.47-0.36pr
New York	1.5084-1.5117	1.5109-1.5117	0.09-0.07pr	0.20-0.17pr
Oslo	9.8685-9.9092	9.8908-9.9044	1½–1pr	4-3pr
Paris	7.7702-7.7856	7.7706-7.7785	1¾–1¼pr	4½–4pr
Stockholm	10.2291-10.330	10.300-10.320	½–¼ds	½–¼ds
Tokyo	158.30-158.97	158.596-158.75	½–¼pr	2½–2pr
Vienna	16.169-16.213	16.169-16.185	½–¼pr	1½–1pr
Zurich	1.8735-1.8782	1.8735-1.8753	½–¼pr	2–1½pr

Source: Extel — *Premium = pr Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2521-1.2529
Austria	10.71-10.72
Belgium (Com)	31.30-31.34
Canada	1.3660-1.3665
Denmark	5.8761-5.8781
France	5.1490-5.1500
Germany	1.5226-1.5236
Hong Kong	7.7353-7.7363
Ireland	1.5610-1.5630
Italy	1556.75-1557.75
Japan	104.95-105.05
Malaysia	2.4935-2.4945
Netherlands	1.7011-1.7021
Norway	6.5519-6.5539
Portugal	156.40-156.50
Singapore	1.4038-1.4048
Spain	126.77-126.87
Sweden	6.8209-6.8309
Switzerland	1.2417-1.2427

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso	1.5086-1.5112
Australia dollar	1.8886-1.8909
Bahrain dinar	0.5630-0.5750
Brazil real	1.4754-1.4795
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7060-0.7160
Finland markka	7.1975-7.3135
Greece drachma	302.75-309.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6726-11.6810
India rupee	51.63-52.59
Indonesia ruptah	3477.00-3545.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4475-0.4575
Malaysia ringgit	3.7627-3.7667
New Zealand dollar	2.1917-2.1948
Pakistan rupee	52.34 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4225-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1183-2.1212
S Africa rand (com)	6.5400-6.5820
U A E dirham	5.4800-5.6040

Barclays Bank GTS = Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	247	Land Secs	744
ASDA Gp	4,900	Legal & Gn	803
Abbey Nti	2,400	Lloyds TSB	9,000
Allied Dom	1,100	Marks Spr	7,100
Argos	453	NatWst Bk	3,100
Argyll Gp	2,200	Nat Grid	32,000
AB Foods	262	Nat Power	2,000
BAA	3,300	P & O	2,200
BAT Inds	4,200	Pearson	1,200
BOC	406	Pilkington	2,100
BP	4,700	PowerGen	663
BSkyB	1,600	Prudential	2,800
BTR	14,500	RESAM	298
Bk of Scot	12,000	RMC	416
Barclays	2,800	RTZ	3,300
Barratt	3,400	Rank Org	2,000
Bass	745	Reckitt Col	nil
Blue Circle	1,100	Redland	1,100
Boots	999	Reed Intl	1,400
Bae	1,200	Rentokil	8,300
BA	4,900	Reuters	3,300
Brit Gas	7,100	Rolls Royce	2,300
Brit Steel	2,200	Royal Ins	5,800
Burmah Cstl	505	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000
Burton	405	Sainsbury	3,000
Cable Wire	4,500	Schroders	5
Cadbury	1,200	Scot & Newc	1,000
Carlton Cms	1,000	Scot Power	941
Cm Union	1,300	Svrn Trent	237
Cookson	1,000	Shell Trans	3,800
Courtaulds	418	Slebe	1,400
Dixons	2,000	SmKl Bch	11,000
Enterpr Oil	356	Smith Nph	3,200
For & Col IT	1,900	Smiths Inds	947
GKN	194	Sthern Elec	6n2
GRE	7,000	Std Charrd	1,000
GUS	6,100	Sun Alliance	6,500
Gen Acc	1,200	Tl Gp	259
Gen Elec	2,700	Tate & Lyle	942
Glaxo Well	2,600	Tesco	5,400
Granada	2,300	Thames W	725
Grand Met	4,600	Thrn EMI	593
Greenalls	706	Tomkins	3,000
Guinness	4,700	Unilever	1,500
HSBC	1,900	United Utils	726
Hanson	2,400	Vodafone	2,800
ICI	695	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	1,700	Wilms Hld	1,000
LASMO	686	Wolseley	491
Ladbroke	3,500	Zeneca	2,200

WALL STREET

	May 7 midday	May 6 close
AMP Inc	42½	42¾
AMR Corp	88½	88¾
ASA	46¼	46½
AT & T	58½	59⅜
Abbott Labs	39¾	39⅝
Advanced Micro	19⅝	19⅝
Aetna Life	67½	67¾
Ahmanson (HF)	22¾	22⅝
Air Prod & Chem	56½	56½
Airtouch Comm	29⅝	30
Alberto-Culver B	37	37
Albertson's	37½	36⅜
Alcan Aluminm	33⅝	33⅝
Alco Standard	55½	56½
Allied Signal	57½	58½
Alum Co of Am	65½	66
Amax Gold Inc	7	6¾
Amerada Hess	56½	57¼
Amer Brands	40¾	40¾
Amer El Power	39⅜	39⅝
Amer Express	46¼	45¾
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	33½
Amer Home Pr	52⅞	101½
Amer Intl	88⅛	88⅛
Amer Stores	32½	32⅞
Amer Standard	27¾	27¾
Ameritech	56	55½
Amoco	70½	71¼
Anheuser-Busch	66½	66½
Apple Computer	27¾	25½
Archer Daniels	18⅝	19
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	56½	56½
Asarco	33⅞	34½
Ashland Oil	40⅞	41
Atl Richfield	115	115
Auto Data Prn	37⅞	37⅞
Avery Dennison	57⅜	58
Avnet Products	85⅛	86
Baker Hughes	29⅝	29⅝
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	33½	33½
BankAmerica	70⅝	70½
Bank of NY	46½	46½
Bankers Tr NY	68⅛	68⅛
Barnett Banks	60½	61½
Baxter Intl	41½	41½
Bectn Dickinsn	76½	77¼
Bell Atlantic	62½	62½
Bell Industries	21¾	21¾
Bellsouth	38⅜	38⅜
Black & Decker	38⅜	39
Block (HAR)	35½	36
Boeing	75⅞	76¼
Boise Cascade	45½	46
Bristol Myrs Sq	79⅝	79⅝
Browning Ferris	38	38½
Brunswick	21¾	21¾
Burlington Nthn	85⅝	86½
CMS Energy Corp	28⅝	28⅝
CNA Financial	99½	99½
CPC Intl	67⅝	68½
CSX	59½	59⅝
Campbell Soup	70½	70½
Can Pacific	20⅝	20⅝
Carolina Pwr	35⅜	35½
Caterpillar	63⅞	63½
Central & SW	26⅜	26⅜
Champion Intl	48½	48½
Chase Manhat	65½	65
Chevron Corp	55½	56
Chrysler	63½	63⅝
Chubb Corp	66½	66
Cigna Corp	104½	105
Cincorp	74½	75½
Cinnati	81½	82½
Coastal Corp	37½	37½
Coca Cola	80⅜	80⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	75½	75½
Columbia Gas	47¾	47¾
Columbia/HCA	51½	50½
Compaq Comp	47¾	47¾
Comp Ass Int	71½	71½
Conagra	38	38
Conrail	69½	69¾
Cons Edison	28½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	46½	46½
Cooper Inds	41½	42
Corestates	56½	56½
Corning Inc	34½	34½
Crown Cork	44½	44½
Dana Corp	32½	32½
Darton Hudson	69⅝	69⅝
Deere	41	40
Delta Air Lines	79½	80
Deluxe Corp	34½	35½
Digital Equip	57½	58½
Dillard Dept St	39½	40¾
Disney (Walt)	59⅜	60
Dominion Res	38⅜	38⅝
Donnelley (RR)	34½	34½
Dover Corp	48½	49
Dow Chemical	91

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The State in search of a more caring approach to the aged

Marianne Curphey looks at proposals to tackle the dilemma of long-term provision for the elderly

The cost of long-term care is not cheap. A week's stay at a private nursing home now costs an average of £350 to £500, and a single insurance premium to guarantee care for three years is at least £10,000.

The dilemma for Middle England, which the Government attempted to address yesterday with its Green Paper, is that although only one person in five needs such high levels of care towards the end of his or her life, the bills can be crippling.

Yesterday, Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, effectively proposed that the wealthier sections of society should gamble on their homes or their pensions to pay for nursing home fees.

While suggesting ways in which the state and individual might share the burden of long-term care, he gave a warning that the ultimate responsibility for a comfortable old age lay with each citizen.

The proposals, which argue for more flexible pensions and insurance cover, are the result of 12 months of detailed consultation between officials from the Department of Health and private medical insurers, insurance companies and health care staff.

At present, middle-class families are often forced to sell their homes and dispose of their assets to fund care in old age, ending any hopes of passing on an inheritance to their children.

The document was delayed for additions and amendments because it was so politically sensitive, and when finally issued yesterday it was more than four weeks late.

Consultation is likely to last until June or July, with proposals in place before the Budget in November, and the details finalised by next April.

The Government is seeking views from the insurance and personal finance industry on schemes to help people take out insurance against the risk of needing long-term care, and to protect their assets to a value relating to the insurance paid.

The first proposal involves altering pension schemes to allow variable pensions that could be used as income for nursing home fees. On retirement, the individual would take a smaller yearly income, with the promise of an increase should his health deteriorate in later years.

Five years ago the first such scheme, run by Lincoln National, the insurer, was outlawed by the Inland Revenue for tax reasons.

Tony Solomon, marketing manager of Eagle Star, one of the first insurance companies to introduce private insurance for care of the elderly, predicted only a small section of the community would be able to take advantage of a change in the regulations. "At present, most people retire on less than a full pension and could simply not afford to take a reduced pension," he said.

His comments were backed by the powerful National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF), whose members are responsible for £300 billion of assets. Peter Murray, chairman of its benefits committee, said that the scheme would have limited appeal.

Mr Dorrell's second and more radical proposal is an American-style "partnership scheme", which would protect the assets of a retired person by an amount related to the value of an annuity which they purchase on entering care.

Currently, only four states in the US run such a scheme: Connecticut, New York, California and Indiana. Around 30,000 Americans have taken out such policies, but recent research suggests that this is a 50 per cent increase on 1995 and the figure would be higher if more states participated. The take-up rate is still relatively low because the scheme requires pensioners to retire in the state in which they bought the benefit, and Florida, the most popular retirement state, is not included.

In Britain, single pensioners with assets of between £10,000 and £16,000 currently have to contribute towards a proportion of the cost of nursing care, while those with more than £16,000 — including their homes — have to meet the full bill themselves. These regulations have been criticised for penalising pensioners who save.

Under Mr Dorrell's proposals, the elderly would be given a "disregard" of £1.50 on their assets for every £1 worth of insurance they take out. In effect, this would mean that if they bought insurance worth £40,000 then, together with the £16,000 "disregard" for singhle pensioners, the state would allow assets worth £56,000 to be left free for inheritance, before it claimed any surplus to cover long-term care costs.

The NAPF believes far more people would benefit from this proposal, although buying insurance with a single premium would cost an average £10,000 per person.

"Although this is a useful measure there needs to be more encouragement for tax-efficient savings through additional voluntary contributions," Mr Murray said. "We would like the Government to change Inland Revenue rules to enable people to save throughout their working lives."

However, there is concern that unless the new products are carefully regulated, there could be a repeat of the pensions mis-selling scandal, in which hundreds of thousands of people were persuaded to buy unsuitable personal pensions.

Currently, long-term care schemes are not regulated by the Financial Services Act of 1986 because they are deemed to be an insurance product, not an investment. This raises the frightening prospect that thousands of people could be sold inappropriate plans, which will leave them inadequately covered in old age.

Bupa, the healthcare provider, is in favour of encouraging brokers to adhere to established minimum standards of selling.

The 430-member Association of British Insurers is proposing a code to ensure that products are suitable, affordable and with no hidden catches.



Shared interests: a Green Paper suggests ways to ease the burden of care in old age

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bank Holiday Shanghaied

PITY the unnamed scribe on the Lord Mayor's staff at Mansion House, who spent the entire Bank Holiday crafting a memorandum of understanding between London and Shanghai — in Chinese.

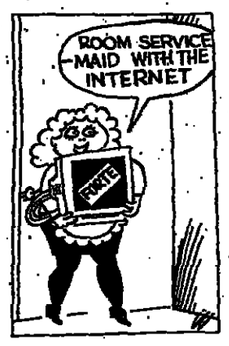
Our hero, formerly with the Foreign Office, was handed his assignment on Friday, and spent the weekend penning glowing phrases about Shanghai's admirable progress as a financial centre.

A duplicate in English and Mandarin was duly presented for signing yesterday. The agreement is expected to ensure favourable treatment for UK companies seeking licences to do business in Shanghai. More mutual back-scratching can be expected when the Lord Mayor visits China in September.

Twin track

MINNIE and Kate Peck have their early arrival at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to thank for their place on the the Railtrack share application register. The twins, who were born at 34 and a half weeks, were registered as prospective Railtrack share buyers five days after they were born on April 18, making them the youngest applicants on Sharelink's list.

Had they waited until their due date they would have been too late for last week's registration deadline. Proud father Oliver, who works as a consultant at JP Morgan, said that he had registered the whole family as part of his new responsibilities as a family man.



HARRODS BANK is busily buffing its marble interior in anticipation of a visit from the National Bank of Kazakhstan. The delegation of five will include Nailiya Abdulina, the bank's finance director, who is said to carry the country's economy in her handbag. The gang is coming to Knightsbridge to inspect Harrods Bank's banking software package.

Lonesome today

KEVIN Bartholomew, a former Paine Webber broker in Nebraska, has been barred from the securities industry for selling investments in an Elvis Presley impersonation act that he performed in local bars. As a Paine broker he fraudulently sold investments in his own "Memories of Elvis in Concert" to help to cover concert expenses according to SEC lawyer Jacqueline Jobson.

Monkey puzzle

BARCLAYS BANK is offering lessons in cockney rhyming slang for North American investors. A three-month advertising campaign, which is to appear in the on-line edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, will ask readers how to make "monkeys" out of "ponies" by clicking on the sterling sum of their choice.

Discovering that "monkeys" are made "in the UK Guv'nor", readers will move through a series of pages asking them to identify other sterling denominations, including "carpets", "cockles" and "Lady Godiva". Worthwile, when 40 per cent of overseas investment in the United Kingdom comes from North America.



ANTHONY HARRIS

After sclerosis in Europe, nemesis?

You had to be alert even to detect the earth tremor which shook a few chandeliers in London the other day; but the Romans would have taken such an unusual event as a portent. Of the British Isles edging nervously a little further from Europe, perhaps? Yes, to judge from my post-holiday mail: it is full of dire views of Europe from a whole list of normally non-political City institutions — some in terms which make the Governor sound tame.

HSBC detects a German recession already under way, and deepening, as a threat to British growth. NatWest agrees, but also points out that British trade has switched sharply away from the Continent: exports to Europe 5 per cent down in seven months; outside Europe, up 6 per cent. Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank sees the EMU as unworkable, isolationist, and deflationary, and advises us to keep out. It is Lombard Street Research, which admittedly declared against EMU some time ago, which talks about Euro-nemesis. As they forecast a mark crisis as an overture to a Europe-wide fiscal crunch, the headline is not really over-dramatic. Better off out of it.

Or are we? The UK trends are also pretty forbidding, according to the same witnesses. True, we have pushed through some of the structural changes which are so long overdue in Europe, especially in social spending. We have deregulated (probably to excess), and now have a flexible labour market with moderate settlements; but the competitive performance of the economy still looks — well, British. In plain words, terrible. Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest points out that productivity is at a standstill, while investment has actually fallen over the past year.

Only domestic spending, financed largely by windfalls and excessive government borrowing, has so far saved British industry from joining the European recession. But the result, as usual, is a widening trade deficit; imports up 4 per cent in the last quarter, and no less than 18.5 per cent from outside Europe. So we may be enjoying a traditional sterling crisis even before reality catches up with the mark. All this may be partly due to the policy errors shown up by Anatole Kaletsky last week, but some of the trouble goes much deeper.

Dicks sums it up devastatingly: "The mentality remains firmly cost-plus, with price increases consistently given preference over higher volumes." If you want a picture, simply look at Granada's disgraceful conduct of its Forte acquisitions, prices up beyond the old management's bearing. The old British virus seems to hang about as obstinately as this year's flu. It is more accurately a British management disease, for the foreign-owned companies in this country do not behave in this fashion (and thus help to mask some of the damage). It has persisted for decades through booms, busts, slow and faster growth periods, and it is hard to believe that it would respond simply to better macro-economic management — not in less than a lifetime, anyway.

It reflects bottom-line myopia, an obsession with next quarter's profits which makes it seem sensible to sacrifice long-term growth; seemingly a permanent feature of British-style capitalism. So perhaps Tony Blair is at last saying something important when he declared that City reform will be a top priority for a New Labour government. But what reforms? There are promising hints in plans for a more effective competition policy, and in Alastair Darling's talk of responsible ownership; but otherwise, little to bite on. It would be comforting to hear some future minister showing an unfashionable interest in the Japanese model, which really does show what stakeholding can achieve (as well as how it can come off the rails). Or, indeed, anything specific.

Perhaps they only mean the warring City acronyms; in which case we will go on much as before — possibly our fate in any case. And an unreformed Britain might decline more comfortably in a protected Europe, even a depressed Europe, than exposed offshore.

Why an old-fashioned strike looms large at the Post Office

Postal services are highly profitable but are haunted by the past and the future, says **Philip Bassett**



The Post Office's far-flung services face disruption

Britain's postal services are heading for their biggest trouble in almost a decade as the Post Office and its principal trade union square up for the industry's first national strike since 1988. Barely has the Post Office drawn a line under the morass into which the Government's botched privatisation plunged it than it is embroiled in a potentially damaging dispute. This at a time when competition has intensified and when the Post Office's longer-term future remains unsettled, dependent on the political process and the outcome of the election.

Both within management and the Communication Workers' Union (CWU), which is this week preparing ballot papers for a national strike vote over pay, productivity and working practices, parallels are being drawn not just with the 1988 dispute, but also with the 1971 postal strike, a seven-week stoppage that nearly bankrupted the postal union.

Employee relations in the Post Office in recent months have been poor. A spate of local disputes has broken out. Within the past 12 months, the Post Office calculates it has lost 61,998 working days through strikes, amounting to almost one-sixth of the total of days lost from strikes throughout the whole of British industry.

While the Post Office is expected soon to declare record profits for the Royal Mail of some £500 million, it is also set for its first price increases for two-and-a-half years.

On July 1 both first and second-class letters go up by 1p, driven, the Post Office claims, wholly by the Government's increasingly voracious demands for the cash generated by the Post Office. Unlike most businesses which used to be in the public sector, the Post Office makes money: next month's profits will be its twentieth successive subsidy-free surplus.

The Treasury takes money from the Post Office under what is known as the External Financing Limit (EFL), which the consumers' body, the Post Office Users National Council, calls a "tax on stamps."

Mike Heron, Post Office chairman, points out that having taken about £1.25 billion from the Post Office in in ten years, the Government now wants almost as much in only three years, a "rocketing" cash demand which he says no other business would have to meet for its shareholders.

Post Office managers are probably rightly sceptical that an incoming Labour government, faced with at least the same pressures on public spending than the current administration, will walk away from the Post Office cash cow.

In the face of increasing competition and with one of the largest workforces in Britain, much of the Post Office's push is on labour productivity and that is what lies behind the current looming dispute.

Post Office leaders acknowledge that productivity improvements have already been good. In the Royal Mail, it has grown over the past ten years by 33 per cent, almost five times more than the average in service industries.

Even so, CWU leaders charge that in chasing increased productivity by means of greater flexibility, the Post Office has a number of target developments in mind: ending completely second deliveries; shifting the base of Post Office employment from full- to part-time work; and marginalising the CWU from its traditionally strong role inside the business.

Almost a year ago, Royal Mail managers drew together a range of productivity goals into a single package, dubbed Employee Agenda (EA). Both radical and ambitious for the Post Office, it looks dated and already is familiar to most of the private-sector.

EA offers a clutch of proposals — a new, standard weekly pay rate of £211 which Post Office leaders say could give rises of up to 15 per cent, but which many workers claim will leave them worse off; a job security guarantee, initially up to the year 2000; five days training every year for every employee; a shift from the traditional working over six days to five-day working; and a new productivity scheme.

In return, the Post Office wants changed working patterns, and in particular the adoption of "team working", more co-operative working methods, widely practised in industry, especially manufacturing.

Last autumn, the Post Office's own internal employee attitude survey showed only 24 per cent supported EA, a figure which its latest survey shows has fallen back to 22 per cent.

CWU officials, led by Alan Johnson, joint general secretary and a postman in Slough in the 1971 strike, recommended its acceptance. This was surprisingly rejected by the CWU's postal executive in March.

After some initial wriggling, CWU leaders saw they had little choice but to enact the postal executive's decision. Instead, they pursued longstanding claims on shorter hours and other issues. Royal Mail managers insist that EA will be implemented one way or another and at last-ditch talks last week rejected the union's claims. They held to the EA agenda, leading the union to authorise its strike ballot.

Here things now stand. Post Office and CWU leaders both acknowledge the depressing similarity of the position in the Post Office to Railtrack two years ago. The resulting signalworkers' dispute was a bitter, bloody and largely pointless battle, with 19 days of strikes spread over four months, widespread business and consumer disruption, ending in a classic compromise.

Post Office managers, at least some CWU leaders, and the business and domestic users of the Royal Mail will be hoping that the issues can somehow be sorted before all that happens again.

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Equities beat a retreat

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	480	Allied Domecq	498	+ 2	5.9	18.0
1300	1080	Bass	1300		5.5	19.1
131	115	Bem Dewar	118	-1	5.3	25.5
464	411	Brand Mkt	426	...	4.4	18.3
493	435	Glenmorangie	472	+ 2	3.9	15.4
371	315	Highland Distil	371	+ 7	3.7	17.3
185	150	McCallan-Glenl	168		1.1	34.7
650	615	Macalin Mstr 'A'	650		1.1	13.5
777	655	Matthew Clark	775	+ 3	3.5	
123	93	Mentzie W	123	-2	2.0	
2612½	1825	SA Breweries	1825	-112½	3.7	20.8

BANKS

3584½	2743½	ABN-AMRO	3525	+ 31½	4.0	12.0
663	526	Abbey Natl	548	- 3	5.0	10.5
388	327	Allied Irish	345	+ 5	5.5	10.1
3306	299	Aus. New Z	317	+ 5	5.5	
5242½	3843½	Bank America	4700	-137½		
316	234½	Bank Scotland	298	- ½	3.6	11.3
1050	861	Barclays	1047	+ 2	4.4	10.2
488	422	Bk of Ireland	484		3.7	9.3
482	417	Cater Allen	417	- 5	9.0	6.9
5368½	4031½	Citicorp	4887½	-131½		
392	318	Close Bros	378	- 1	3.0	16.8
6157½	5142½	Commerzbk	5143½	- 50	3.6	
1350	1171½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1309½	- 25	0.4	
3412½	2978½	Deutsche Bk	3175	+ 59½	2.3	
8804½	5624½	Espirito Santo	7787½	- 37½	4.7	10.2
1567	1365½	First Bank T	1411½	- 21½	0.4	12.7
472	384	Gerard Nat	394		7.1	12.7
2552	1961	Hambros	241	- 2	3.9	
1126	944	HSBC	1088	- 2	3.8	10.1
1099	930	HSBC (HK)	949	- 18	4.2	10.1
421	385	Irish Permt	396		3.2	
165	142	King Shaxson	163		6.9	12.7
653	548	Lloyds' J	650		5.2	15.5
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	309½		3.2	13.6
840	576	Nat Aust BK	600	+ 5	7.3	7.5
711	606	Nat West	629	- 2	5.0	8.8
86	58	Rea Brothers	58		3.5	27.5
596	483	Rgl Bk Scot	522	+ 3	3.9	11.6
1380	1185	Schlesiers	1293	- 5	7.6	17.4
1128	980	Schroders NV	1023	- 2	2.0	14.9
1150	1000	Singer & Friedl	1133		4.4	9.3
662½	547	Standard Chartd	603	- 11	2.3	13.2
105	85½	Union	93		4.0	
6174½	5131½	Wells Fargot	5153½	-481½	2.2	
309½	264	Westpac	316½	- 3½	4.1	
305	258	Whitbread	300		1.7	49.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

36	26	Abrdn Sth HO	36			7.8
368	263	Ansell Hldgs	347			0.7
797½	702	Bass	786	- 1	3.7	17.6
70	45	Brk for the Bck	48		4.3	12.6
177	163	Burtonwd Brw	168		4.1	16.1
123	78	City Centre Restr	116	+ ½	1.4	21.9
552	483	Compass Gp	535	- 2	1.8	33.6
263	190	Eldridge P 'A'D	253	- 2	2.3	33.3
493	413	Fuller Sm 'A'D	488		2.2	19.3
636	551	Greenalls Gp	620	- 4	3.2	16.7
895	801	Grosvnr Nag	895		2.6	18.7
278	224	Grosvenor Inns	253	+ 6	7.7	26.9
294	204	Groups Chez Ger	222		1.4	23.5
357	300	Hardy Hanan	312		4.0	11.6
230	195	Heublein	210		2.8	12.7
3475	3095	Hsd JJ	3300	- 32	2.1	
55	45	Inn Business	54			
348	313	Mansfield	347		1.9	17.4
359	307	Moss Bros	348		1.4	21.6
673	536	Morland	660		2.2	18.5
147	118	My Kinda Town	145		2.6	14.3
	4½	Pacamount	4½			6.1
142½	123	Pellico Gp	131		1.6	12.0
359	317	PizzaExpress	349	- 3	0.9	35.2
243	245	Ranrecters (H)	237	+ 3	4.1	45.8
1035	858	Regent Inns	1036	+ 7	1.0	32.5
758	601	Scot & Mem	672	- 5	3.5	18.1
358	305	Tom Cobleigh	317		4.4	15.8
313	268	Vaux Group	306		4.2	15.8
934	640	Wolverhampton	885	+ 2	1.2	31.2
759	672	Whitbread	746	- 1	3.5	18.4
685	578	Workhamptn O	680	+ 1	2.8	16.6
402	297	Yates Wine	400		1.0	25.6
581	425	Young &	580	+ 22	3.3	23.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

38	17½	AMF Inds	30	- 1		
342	284	BPB Ind	332		3.5	15.2
124	97	Baggeridge Brk	113		3.5	14.9
42	31	Bardon	37	+ 1	6.8	
66	47	Blockleys	63	- 1		
376	332	Blue Circle	371	+ 1	4.2	20.1
97	77	Bredero PLC	93	- 1	6.5	
130	105	Bk Ventilatn	129		3.1	14.9
613	473	CRH	594	- 1	2.0	18.9
48	42½	Caledonian Hld	43		6.1	
173	140	Capel	173		8.0	12.3
247	195	Cardtonit	230	+ 3	3.2	22.8
1200	1108	Caradon plc	1177	- 4	7.7	
76	19	Chellain Gp	25		5.0	
193	158	Dyson (Jas)	183		2.7	15.1
85	70	Dyson 'A'	81		6.2	6.1
226	203	Epwin	223		5.5	15.6
1214	1214	Flare A	1180			
95	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89		6.9	9.2
209	178	Galkins Gp	204		3.5	
406	391	Hallstnd Jnt	402		4.1	17.4
321	279	Hepworth	305		6.1	15.5
56	36	Hewetson	56	+ 6	5.6	17.9
251	215	Heywd Wms	251	+ 1	6.9	13.7
90	69½	Hoskins	84½	- ½	3.8	11.9
405	335	Johnston	398		5.0	27.5
88	65	Lilleshall	77		8.1	9.5
156	111	Marley	146	- 2	4.0	16.6
184	148	Marshalls	180		3.5	12.9
471	372	Meyer Int	443	+ 1	3.4	16.7
149	114	Newman Tnks	142	+ 1	6.1	16.7
93	83	Norcros	91			
29	16	Phoenix Timber	22			52.9
203	182	Pilkington	203	- 1	3.0	16.5
203	173½	Polypipe	198	- 1	1.8	12.5
1109	928	RMC Gpt	1063	- 10	2.7	13.8
458	350	Redland	458	+ 5½	5.3	19.1
112	84½	Ransel	108		5.5	
153	121	Rebrocast	152		3.7	20.1
140	102	Rugby Cement	138		3.7	22.1
131	113	Russell (Alf)	130		2.6	18.3
252	196	SIG	244		3.4	
5	3	Sanderson	3			
181	156	Stonec & Pullest	180	- 1	3.6	14.8
27	16½	Spring Ram	23½			
208	175	Structrlne Hldgs	208	+ ½		41
136	102	Tarmac	125½		5.4	21.0
144	97	Tilcon	125		5.4	20.6
458	350	Travis Perkins	458		2.6	19.4
36	29	Tudor	33		3.8	15.0
50	31	Walsbrook	31			
489	433	Wellseley	484	- 8	2.7	15.7

CHEMICALS

188	166	Albright & Wil	178	- 1	4.6	
179	135	Allied Colloids	176		3.4	20.8
210	185	Amber Ind	190		3.7	12.4
100	86	Amberley Gp	93	- 1	3.7	26.8
£188½	£143½	BASF Dkl	£181½	- 99½	3.3	
848	670	BOC	804	- 4	3.8	16.6
310	265	BTP	301		3.6	17.5
£329½	£171½	Bayer Dk150	£317½	- 171½	3.1	
105	70	Brent Chems	101		1.5	
218	195	Br Vita	203	- 1	6.9	16.4
257	192	Camrng (Wm)	253	- 1	4.9	16.4
180	101	Crodalbaste	173	- 8	4.7	18.9
351	311	Croda	344		3.4	16.6
260	208	Doeflert	249		3.4	14.2
296	246	Elm & Everard	286		3.6	15.2
94	72	Exm Colour	94		5.0	20.5
191	164	Gibbon	164		4.0	11.8
93	76	Hickson	78		3.2	
£208½	£124½	Hoechst	£208½	- 152½	3.6	
166	100	Holiday Chemt	119		4.2	17.5
459	359	ICI	434	- 9	4.7	12.7
483	325½	Inspec	326		2.3	15.8
147	111	Ketan	140		4.3	
780	629	Lesuitec	729	- 3	3.9	17.6
369	323	Manders	359	- 5	4.8	13.7
97	76	Marchem	93		3.4	
71	58	Minerec	71		6.0	
423	345	Porvair	423		1.9	23.6
245	221	Scapa	239		3.3	17.0
34	26	Sutcliffe Speak	31½		1.6	38.8
1148½	920½	Tate & Lyle	1109½	- 9½	3.8	15.0
1133	968	Tricentrne Pl	1130		3.7	17.4
298	255	Yorks Chem	269	- 2	4.0	15.6
363	306	Yule Catto	356		2.8	17.7

DISTRIBUTORS

100	87	ASI Lon	97		5.6	10.0
465	390	Adam & Harvey	430		6.3	9.1
17	14	Alexanders	17	- 2½	5.9	
103	98	Applevadi	103	- 1	7.5	
4	3½	Bk Br Eng	3½		0.1	
6.79	565	BOS Group	629		3.9	18.1
38	29	Bondi	29			
23	16	Bowring Peacr	21½		7.3	15.2
45	33	Boyds A	45		2.0	14.9
545	426	Brammert	545		3.3	
22	18	Bridgend Gp	21	- 1	1.2	
101	76	Brit Polythen	101		4.5	12.9
290	245	Cellpins	265		5.0	10.7
14½	10½	Cavendish	14½		2.6	
96	65½	Central Nat	96	+ 5	6.7	
386	287	Cowie	365		3.4	14.5
175	130½	Dg Motors	170	- 1	5.7	
183	125½	Dominion B	181	- 1	2.0	14.5
494	385	Electrocomponts	488	- 4	1.9	28.3
314	223	Exmdia Elec	304		2.5	16.1
132	98	Exmdistrib	131		7.4	7.9
105	76	Exmgreen Mfr	99		8.6	8.5
325	286	Evans Halshaw	325	+ 1	5.5	13.6
67	57	Fife Indeprt	61		6.6	
313	248	Flextec Grp	313		2.2	18.4
85	62	Redford Mdsl	65			11.6
88	53	Rensomes	67			18.6
83	55	Rexcont	80		5.6	14.6
287	231	Ronald	285		4.2	16.9
36	31	Rotands Group	33		8.5	9.8
89	78	Richardson West	78		5.8	
226	167	Robt-Horsnell	224	- 3	2.8	26.6
167	132	Rotork	224		2.2	18.4
315	248	Rowlins Grp	315		2.2	27.7
316	251	Russell	316	- 1	4.0	
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	57		4.4	
220	169	Kwik-Fit	207		2.6	15.9
366	318	Ladbroke	366	- 1	5.2	13.1
147½	119	Lookers	147	+ 4	6.7	8.6
17	10½	Mdnyt Grpt	13½		6.1	14.0
	7½	Middlesex D	9½	- ½	1.2	
47	31	Micheldvr	47			22.8
565	440	Norbrook	550	- ½	1.7	18.7
304	232	Northampton	270	- 10	0.8	22.4
169	138	PCTC	152		2.7	21.3
299	239	Pentagon	299		3.3	13.5
211	145	Perry Gp	200	- 2	5.1	11.5
741	603	Premier Farnell	734	- 6	1.8	
183	135	Quicks Group	163		4.8	
246	186	RSA	245		2.1	39.6
3	3	Reece	3¼			
61	38	Renson	45		4.3	
14	12	Rose Gp	14			
54	49	SEP Indl	49		3.9	17.9
19½	12	Saltire	17½	- ½	0.7	23.2
320	246	Time Products	320		3.6	18.7
41	30	Tower Hire	35	+ 1	4.5	16.4
245	208	Vardy (Reg)	238		2.3	18.1
215	205	Wilkinson Pigs	400		2.7	13.2
59	31½	Witchair	35½		2.8	8.4
143	78	Wyko	131	- 2	1.7	
125	104	Young (H)	123	+ 2	1.7	40.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

8½	0½	Anglo Ltd	0½			
386	286	Arlington Sc	345	- 3	1.9	11.5
1080	866	Bnbrm Hld	1053	+ 14	2.5	22.1
340	312½	BTR	313	- 2	5.9	12.9
586	477	BATY	496	- 11	6.1	10.3
317	181	Beresford Intl	215	- 1	1.7	20.9
125	111	Bibby (J)	122	- 1	5.9	9.8
63½	50½	Bradley Inv	60½	+ ½	7.9	3.0
360	817	Charter	957	+ 5	3.6	14.2
338	282	Cookson	307	- 3	3.3	16.1
256	205	Dickinson	256		3.2	11.2
314	223	Exmdia Elec	304		2.5	16.1
132	98	Exmdistrib	131		7.4	7.9
105	76	Exmgreen Mfr	99		8.6	8.5
325	286	Evans Halshaw	325	+ 1	5.5	13.6
67	57	Fife Indeprt	61		6.6	
313	248	Flextec Grp	313		2.2	18.4
85	62	Redford Mdsl	65			11.6
88	53	Rensomes	67			18.6
83	55	Rexcont	80		5.6	14.6
287	231	Ronald	285		4.2	16.9
36	31	Rotands Group	33		8.5	9.8
89	78	Richardson West	78		5.8	
226	167	Robt-Horsnell	224	- 3	2.8	26.6
167	132	Rotork	224		2.2	18.4
315	248	Rowlins Grp	315		2.2	27.7
316	251	Russell	316	- 1	4.0	
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	57		4.4	
220	169	Kwik-Fit	207		2.6	15.9
366	318	Ladbroke	366	- 1	5.2	13.1
147½	119	Lookers	147	+ 4	6.7	8.6
17	10½	Mdnyt Grpt	13½		6.1	14.0
	7½	Middlesex D	9½	- ½	1.2	
47	31	Micheldvr	47			22.8
565	440	Norbrook	550	- ½	1.7	18.7
304	232	Northampton	270	- 10	0.8	22.4
169	138	PCTC	152		2.7	21.3
299	239	Pentagon	299		3.3	13.5
211	145	Perry Gp	200	- 2	5.1	11.5
741	603	Premier Farnell	734	- 6	1.8	
183	135	Quicks Group	163		4.8	
246	186	RSA	245		2.1	39.6
3	3	Reece	3¼			
61	38	Renson	45		4.3	
14	12	Rose Gp	14			
54	49	SEP Indl	49		3.9	17.9
19½	12	Saltire	17½	- ½	0.7	23.2
320	246	Time Products	320		3.6	18.7
41	30	Tower Hire	35	+ 1	4.5	16.4
245	208	Vardy (Reg)	238		2.3	18.1
215	205	Wilkinson Pigs	400		2.7	13.2
59	31½	Witchair	35½	- ½	2.8	8.4
143	78	Wyko	131	- 2	1.7	
125	104	Young (H)	123	+ 2	1.7	40.1

ELECTRICITY

737	581	East Midlands	635	+ 8	6.8	6.9
673	543	London Elect	626	+ 7	5.5	6.4
433	325	Midlands Elec	423	+ 10	5.3	11.0
396	188	Midland Grid	198½		6.0	8.9
615	436	National Power	536	- 4	3.8	11.1
491	366	Northern Elec	454	- 4	6.5	8.2
456	393	Nthn Ireland	440	- 2	4.1	9.7
626	502	PowerGen	546	- 8	3.8	10.7
475	366	PowerGen (PP)	408	- 9	3.8	10.1
372	310	Hydro-Elect	345	- 1	5.2	9.5
403	340	Scottish Power	386	- 1	4.9	10.6
918	760	Southern Elec	844	+ 5	5.6	9.6
910	668	Yorkshire Elec	829	+ 6	5.5	8.7

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

562	552	Acal	558		17	20.3
274	185	Acorn Comp	257	- 3		
1345	818	Admiral	1276	- 57	0.8	31.5
218½	169½	Aerosnd	183	- 1	1.8	
45	35	Aiwnt	43	- ½	2.8	
145½	110	Amec	144		1.3	
615	468	Arlon	613		0.7	27.3
380	276	BICC	335	+ 3	4.7	
223	195	Bardex Hunter	218		3.2	21.3
505	445	Bicc	503		3.2	14.7
449	363	Bowthorpe	443	+ 2	2.7	19.3
24½	22	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	23½		2.1	9.3
133	128	CML Microsys	123		6.2	12.6
38	24	Chesnd Hldgs	38		2.6	15.2
30½	24½	Chloride	30		1.5	36.2
73	66	Clayhithe	70		5.6	11.9
50	38	Cmr Elect	47½	+ ½		3.9
817	644	Dittchley	817	+ 6	1.5	27.9
810	595	Dowty Gp	805		2.5	19.3
464	375	Dstrl	443	- 2	4.5	22.1
450	403	Domstr	421		3.0	39.8
73	64	Dowding Mdlst	73		4.8	17.2
3400	1541	Druck	3400	+ 87	0.5	36.5
3389½	2610½	Electrolux 'B'	3325½	- 6½	3.5	9.1
38½	30½	Emess	36	- ½	0.7	22.6
1516½	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1398½	+ 18½	1.2	25.6
84	65	Exmcorp	78	+ 6½	3.7	13.8
620	542	Exmsthem	614		1.5	24.5
663	533	Fairey Group	662		1.5	24.0
497	388	Filtronic Com	395		0.2	62.6
793	620	Forward Gp	780	+ 22	1.1	33.5
100	70	Foseward Tech	79	+ ½	4.4	11.3
381	347	GEC	351½	- 1	4.1	16.4
137	114	Gresley	132	- 1	6.2	22.5
115	93½	Ind Control	115		3.9	24.2
38½	35	Imtech	34	- 1	2.9	43.1
127	97	Kodak	124	+ 1	1.0	
57	34	LPA Ind	54		4.1	12.5
290	280	MTL Instr	288		2.1	17.0
160	108	Magnum Power	130		5.7	14.9
298	248	Marlair-Sr	298			23.1
67½	48	Micrnthic	62			17.8
472	340	Miltel	455	- 2		19.6
68	36	Neotronics	64	+ 6	1.7	
488	405	Oxford Inst	471		1.6	18.7
180	125	Pace Systems(H)	135		3.2	
295	250	Unidare	283		6.3	9.1
458	398	Wynnde Skorpyo	457	+ 7	5.0	20.6
315	254	Wassall	296	+ 1	2.3	15.8
337	193	Williams Hldgt	325	- 5½	5.5	15.0
356	310½	Williams Hldgt	325	- 5½	5.5	15.0

ENGINEERING

393	277	AIM	285		2.0	68.2
96½	73	APV	94		3.6	27.0
99	70	ASW	91		4.4	
498	395	Alumasc	448	- 2	2.2	18.7
175	133	Alvis	165		3.6	15.2
391	270	Ashe & Lacy	385		4.5	15.1
788	638	Attw Equipt	788	+ 8	3.6	20.3
148	121	Avesmre Metal	139		3.6	
131	94	BHAT	126	- 4	2.4	26.0
131	101	BI Loroo	130		3.1	14.6
163	133	BMH	163		3.1	14.8
145	108	Babcock	114		2.9	67.2
7½	6	Bailey (CH)	7½			
1.45	1.00	Baker Perkins (Charles)†	1.45		3.3	20.4
96	74	Bamford	96	+ 1	1.4	
69	58	Benson Group A	64	+ 1	1.6	
305	35	Bulmer	300		6.6	
464	403	Bodycote	464	- 9	1.5	
48	35½	Booth Inds	43			
23½	17	Bossiny	22½	+ 1	3.5	15.2
130	98	Bndon	129	- 1	4.0	
903	787	Br Aerospace	883	- 11	1.8	21.4
98	68	Br Steel	93	- 1	2.2	55.6
698	57	Brdle Tool	12½	+ ½	2.0	11.4
38	28½	Brsmt	38		3.1	11.4
113	94	Bullough	107		3.7	22.5
145	92	Bunsfield	139	- 1	3.1	
315	293	Burcle Eng	307		4.2	15.6
186	171	Cambrgc	182		7.5	14.7
158	140	Chambrlin Hll	148		6.2	8.7
443	358	Chestmnt	443		3.1	18.3
375	295	Clyde Blowers	372	+ 9	2.8	69.7
604	471	Colnbrn	568	- 4	4.2	21.0
645	535	Coben (A)	645		1.2	6.0
2003	1541	Comcentric	1855	- 1	4.4	13.5
256	215	Cook (Wm)	256	- 2	4.0	10.5
2250	1980	David Brown	2233	+ 1	4.4	
365	355	EIS	363	+ 1	4.1	
31	19	Elecsil	29	+ ½	1.6	11.2
107	74	Elliott (B)	97		3.9	9.2
1530½	1312½	Exmbrg Mtr	1460½	- 15½	0.6

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Showrooms baffled as sales of new cars rise 17%

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

SALES of new cars jumped dramatically by 17.2 per cent last month, the highest monthly rise for almost two years.

The news will boost Conservative politicians searching for elusive signs that voters are at last starting to believe that the economy is now stable. But motor industry executives yesterday remained baffled to why private buyers, so long wooed by manufacturers, had suddenly returned to the showrooms in droves.

Retail sales were up more than 15 per cent over April last year, leading some analysts to the conclusion that the long-missing "feel-good" factor had finally arrived in the car market.

Neil Marshall, director of public policy at the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said last night: "As sales to private buyers were up by a sixth, the "feel-good" factor may well be coming back. The combination of tax cuts and good news in the housing market may be kicking this marketplace back into gear."

Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showed sales up to 162,618 in April compared with 138,770 in the same month last year, an increase of 17.2 per cent. Registrations for the first four months now stand at 693,667 (664,134).

SMMT executives are not sure what opened the floodgates last month but Ernie Thompson, the society's chief executive, said: "The strong recovery in the retail market is most welcome. The outstanding value of today's new cars should encourage increasing sales as customers buy now."

Carmakers have been trying for months to entice private buyers into showrooms without success. While they have offered big discounts and incentives such as free insurance and extra equipment, buyers have stayed away, leading to one of the most worrying slumps in retail sales since the recession.

Registrations have only been kept buoyant because of intensive company car buying.

But there were still warnings that the recovery has not suddenly turned a corner. Alan Pulham, director of the National Franchised Dealers' Association, said that the ratio of fleet to private sales was still "wildly out of line". He added: "For true recovery, I want to see the retail market outpacing the fleet and business sector."

There was also sobering news from the commercial vehicle sector which is just managing to stay ahead of last year, with sales up 0.79 per cent last month over last April, but down for the first four months by 0.47 per cent at 90,084.

Truck sales are seen as a key economic indicator to the nation's health but there are few signs of companies making big investments in heavy lorries at the same time as they are replacing the company car fleet.

☐ The ten bestselling cars in April were: 1, Ford Escort; 2, Ford Fiesta; 3, Vauxhall Vectra; 4, Ford Mondeo; 5, Vauxhall Astra; 6, Vauxhall Corsa; 7, Peugeot 306; 8, Renault Clio; 9, Rover 400; 10, Volkswagen Golf.

Dragon in reverse takeover

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ARIFIN PANIGORO, an Indonesian businessman, will emerge with an interest of not less than 46 per cent in Dragon Oil, the independent oil and gas company, which yesterday unveiled terms of a fund raising and acquisition. The deal is effectively a reverse takeover of Dragon.

Dragon is acquiring a 60 per cent interest in Larmag Energy Assets (LEA) for $19.2 million. LEA is a 50 per cent partner in and operator of the Larmag-Cheleken joint venture involved with the exploration and production of oil and gas from the Caspian Sea offshore Turkmenistan.

LEA shares were suspended at 1½p pending shareholder approval.

Dragon is raising £37.5 million via a placing of shares at 150p each to Satellite Overseas, a company wholly owned by Mr Panigoro. The company seeks to raise a further £12.7 million through a placing and open offer.

The LEA deal more than doubles Dragon's reserves to 170 million barrels of oil equivalent.

IAN McCARMEY



John Padfield, Chiroscience managing director, says cash will be used for development

Biotech company soars on share offer

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

SHARES in Chiroscience, the biotechnology company, jumped almost 10 per cent to 500p yesterday as it delivered its promised £40 million share issue which guarantees it up to three more years of research funding.

The Cambridge group, whose shares have almost doubled since it excited the stock market with details of its anti-cancer and local anaesthetic drug trials two weeks ago, said that the cash would be used to fund the development of its single isomer and new drug discovery programmes. It also announced that it is buying a pilot-scale development facility in Stevenage from E Merck, the pharmaceuticals group.

The shares are being offered at 410p a share on the basis of one new share for every seven shares held.

Lord Chilver, chairman, said: "In the following year we expect to announce a number of research and development achievements and new collaborative partnerships for our products. This promises to be another exciting year for us. I look forward to seeing the successful progress of our strategies."

Chiroscience's revenue tripled to £5 million in the year to February, largely as a result of a rise in the sale of drug products. Pre-tax losses, however, also rose from £9.2 million to £11.6 million on the back of a 36 per cent rise in operating expenses. Spending on research and development rose by almost 40 per cent to £12.1 million.

Chiroscience's share increase comes amid a wave of enthusiasm for UK biotechnology companies which has seen shares in British Biotech — is due to unveil details of its anti-cancer drug trials later this month — jump from 400p a year ago to more than £30.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Roche buoyed by Aids drug success

CLINICAL trials on a powerful anti-Aids drug have shown that it slows the progression of the disease and reduces the death rate, Roche Holding, the manufacturer, said yesterday. Initial results of the US study of Invirase were released as part of an upbeat forecast of a further rise in net profit this year after record gains of SFr3.37 billion. The Swiss-based drug multinational is regarded as a front-runner in the development of a successful anti-Aids drug. Invirase, also known as Saquinavir, was approved in the US last week. It is the first of a new generation of protease inhibitors, which cripple an enzyme vital to the late stages of the Aids virus reproduction.

Surplus boosts Gieves

THE Gieves Group, the Savile Row menswear retailer, is lifting the total dividend to 2.25p a share from 1.75p after achieving an increase in profits to £2.74 million before tax from £1.66 million in the year to January 31. Latest pre-tax profits included a £1.16 million surplus from the sale of fixed assets. At the operating level, profits advanced to £1.48 million from £1.33 million. Earnings were 7.9p a share, rising from 4.5p. The final dividend of 1.5p a share is due July 1. The company ended the year with cash balances of £5 million.

Norwich £50m contract

MERCURY COMMUNICATIONS, part of Cable and Wireless, and Racal Network Services has signed a contract worth £50 million over five years to provide voice and data services to Norwich Union. Mercury will supply voice and Racal the data services. The value to each company is about £30 million and £20 million respectively. During the first 18 months of the contract, Mercury and Racal will replace most of the current telecommunications services at Norwich Union offices and in Hill House Hammond, its broker chain.

Albrighton cash call

ALBRIGHTON, the quarries and natural stone company, is raising £1.93 million through a rights issue to fund an increase in output and restore profitability. The company is issuing shares at 6p each, on the basis of one new share for every two held. Existing shares fell 4½p to 7½p yesterday. The rights issue has been fully underwritten by Williams de Broë. The company said the injection of further funds, which would be accompanied by an increase in banking facilities, was essential to ensure its survival.

CRH buys US interests

CRH, the Irish building materials group, has made three acquisitions in America for a total $29 million. CRH is buying Ritangela Construction Corp, an asphalt and paving construction business in southern New York state, as well as certain assets of Brookes Products Inc., which has operations in Texas, Florida, Northern Carolina and Oregon, and of Foster Masonry and Southeastern Manufacturing Inc., of Massachusetts. Total trading profits for these companies in 1995 was $4.4 million on total sales of $51 million.

Gus Carter on brink of takeover by rival group

BY PAUL DURMAN

GUS CARTER, the North East betting shop business, is expected today to announce an agreed takeover by Stanley Leisure, its much larger rival.

A year after joining the stock market, Gus Carter confirmed yesterday that negotiations with Stanley Leisure had reached "an advanced stage, and may result in a recommended offer" at a premium to Friday's closing share price of 78p. At last night's closing price of 84p, Gus Carter is valued at £13.3 million.

Stanley Leisure first tried to buy Gus Carter two years ago but decided it would get a better price by going public.

Gus Carter's record as a listed company is brief but disappointing. Stanley Leisure has also felt the pinch, reporting first-half profits down 20 per cent in January.

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China 'spurns' pirate CD deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

CHINA has failed to honour an eleventh-hour anti-piracy deal that helped to prevent a multi-billion-dollar trade war between Peking and Washington last year, the international music industry claims.

Angered that the pirating of CDs has risen, since the agreement, to nearly 90 per cent of China's total CD output, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry is lobbying Sir Leon Brittan, the EU trade commissioner, to confront the Chinese leadership during his current visit to Peking.

IFPI's Brussels office said that Chinese piracy of discs and cassettes cost the industry $170 million last year. It said that China was now responsible for 40 per cent of the world's pirated CDs.

In February last year, America and China signed an intellectual property deal, also covering software, after they had threatened one another with punitive trade tariffs valued at $1.08 billion. The agreement was extended to include the European Union one year ago.

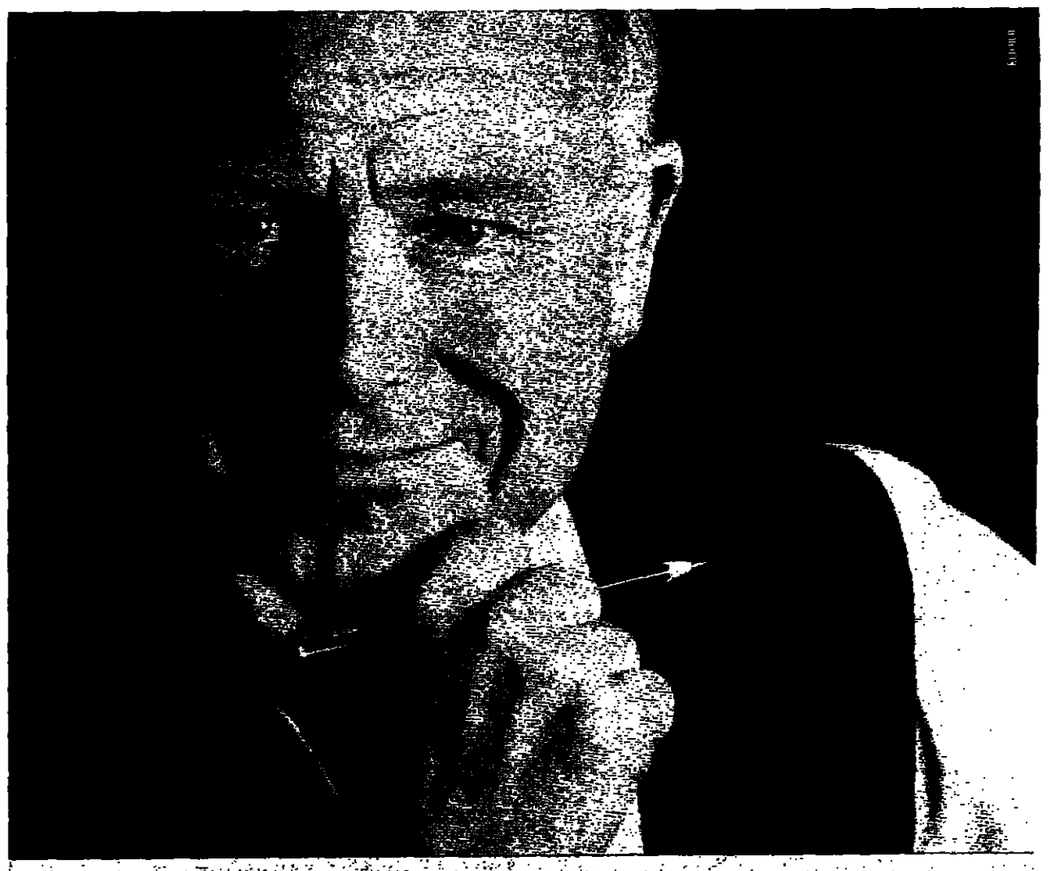
The problem is complicated by transhipments of CDs, tapes and software through Hong Kong. A report to Congress by the office of Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, complained that bootleg retailers operated so openly in the colony that their locations were listed in guidebooks. Twenty per cent of the music sold in Hong Kong is said to be pirated material from China, where two thirds of the pirate CD plants are said to involve Hong Kong entrepreneurs.

Peking promised six months of intensive raids on bootleg manufacturers and retailers, but subsequent factory closures and fines have proved of cosmetic value only. Industry sources say that China's CD capacity is moving towards 150 million units a year.

China has strongly denied the IFPI's claims. Zhang Yuejiao, a senior trade ministry official, said that special anti-piracy tribunals had been set up in 20 provinces and Customs inspections tightened.



Dan Burton, of Washington's Business Software Alliance, displays pirated CDs in a Peking street market



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PUBLIC NOTICES

MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE INSURANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of this Society will be held in The Regency Room, Spa Complex, Scarborough, on Monday 10 June 1996 at 1.00 pm.

AGENDA

Notice convening the Meeting. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1995. Report of Committee of Management, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report 1995. Appointment of Auditors, Appointment of Trustees, Re-appointment of Arbitrators. Any other business of which notice has been given.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
COSMETIC CONSULTANTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 23rd April 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

A & R ASTBURY LIMITED
Registered Number: 770901. Trading name: Astbury Construction. Nature of Business: Building Contractors. Trade Classification: 8002. Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 30th April 1996. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: G M Krasner - Banfield & Co. Type of Security: Fixed & Floating Charges. Date of Security: 22nd December 1995. Name of person appointed: G S Jonas & I P Phillips, both of Bashier Phillips, 35 Livery Street, Birmingham B2 2PS (Office holder Nos: 0163 & 2636).

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
VIKING BURGERS LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances of Ian Frances Associates, Cardoll House, 24 Cardoll Place, London, W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 30th April 1996.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frances at Cardoll House, 24 Cardoll Place, London, W2 1EP.
I Frances, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
MOTOBELO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 26th April 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

OLYMPIC IMPORT & EXPORT) LEATHER CO LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address: 147 Snowfields, London, SE1 3TE.
Company Number: 1274248.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 4 April 1996 Christopher Morris and Michael H Minton were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference: MDN/MJG.
Christopher Morris, Deloitte & Touche, PO Box 810, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London, EC4A 3TR.

In the High Court of Justice
No 1104 of 1996
Chancery Division
Manchester District Registry
The Insolvency Act 1986
DOMANI DESIGNS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at 11.00 am on Wednesday 15th May 1996 at the offices of Hodgsons, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF to consider the Joint Administrators' proposals under Section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors committee.

A proxy form should be completed and returned to the Joint Administrators by the date of the meeting, if you cannot attend and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting your must give to the Administrators, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting, details in writing of your claim.

Dated 1st May 1996
D E M MOND, FCA, FCCA & D BOTTOMLEY, FCA, FCCA
Joint Administrators

VIACOM GROUP FINANCE LIMITED

Pursuant to section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 Viacom Group Finance Limited (the "Company") hereby gives notice that:

The Company approved by unanimous written resolution passed on 02 May 1996 pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring by purchase 12,200,000 of its own 9% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each and 30,000,000 6% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each.

The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £42,200,000.

The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at 1 Burwood Place, London W2 2UT.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time prior to 06 June 1996 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
01895 259 783

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Orchard Amer	215.50	229.10	- 2.09	0.14
Orchard Equity	279.80	297.50†	- 0.29	1.87
Orchard Euro	274.10	290.00	+ 0.20	0.56
Orchard Expt Bd	135.20	148.10		2.51
Orchard Gilt	75.65	78.19	- 0.03	6.12
Orchard Japan	194.10	205.40	- 5.00	

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01203 553 231

General Acc	853.20	894.50†	+ 0.30	2.46
General Inc	554.90	580.40†	+ 0.20	2.46
UK Growth Acc	442.10	476.40†	+ 1.10	2.67
UK Growth Inc	290.20	308.80†	+ 0.70	2.67
Higher Inc Acc	704.20	844.80†	+ 2.40	4.08
Higher Inc Inc	433.20	460.90	+ 1.30	4.08
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	203.70	215.10		5.65
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.45	96.50		5.69
Nth America	364.50	408.10†	- 2.10	
Europe	358.90	381.90†		0.27
Int Exempt	87.61	93.42†	- 0.34	2.85
Int Fxdmnts Acc	115.80	123.20†	+ 0.30	4.54
Int Fxdmnts Inc	77.30	84.03†	+ 0.50	4.54
Global Opps	107.30	114.20	- 0.80	0.12
Balanced Acc	63.54	67.60†	- 0.04	2.56
Balanced Inc	60.05	63.89†	- 0.04	2.56
Japan Acc	50.95	54.21†	- 0.80	
Pac Basin Acc	434.50	462.30†	- 2.00	0.76

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

Gilts & Fixed Int	127.40	135.20	- 0.20	7.40
High Inc Equity	162.70	155.40†		4.41
Worldwide Bond	109.00	116.00	- 1.10	4.62
American Growth	353.40	388.70	- 3.90	0.19
Asian Pacific	357.60	382.60	- 4.20	0.08
Assets & Earnings	305.20	324.70†	+ 0.90	2.77
Euro Capital Acc	181.00	193.60	- 0.50	0.70
Extra Inc	44.00	46.81†	+ 0.05	8.59
General	280.20	298.10	+ 0.60	2.94
Global Opps	69.56	74.00	- 0.33	0.54
Japan	136.60	146.10	- 2.80	
Managed Inc	49.59	51.79†	- 0.03	4.53
Mastertrust	171.40	183.30	- 1.20	1.40
US Emerging Cos	217.10	231.00	- 0.90	
Ethical	83.60	88.94	- 0.08	2.48
International	144.40	153.60	- 1.40	0.57
Dividend & Growth	68.51	72.88	+ 0.07	4.21
Global Growth & Soc	72.67	77.65	- 0.18	2.42
Latin America	87.92	96.99	- 0.35	
Capital Reserves	143.10	143.20		5.24

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

UK Small Cos	2290.00	2979.00		

ASTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 388

Amer Inc & Growth	58.09	61.39†	- 0.43	0.50
Emerging Mkts	76.18	80.37	- 0.55	0.04
European	152.00	156.10	+ 0.40	
Exempt	1050.00	1126.40†	+ 5.90	1.65
Extra Income #	48.00	51.55	+ 0.02	6.43
Fin East Emrg Eco	140.80	147.90	- 1.00	0.42
Fixed Interest #	24.44	25.47†	+ 0.04	7.10
Fund Inv Tst	155.90	163.60†	+ 0.10	9.38
Japan	201.20	208.30	- 2.70	
Latin American	56.90	59.33	- 0.58	0.82
Pacific	91.35	95.89	- 0.80	0.27
Property Share	68.87	72.30	+ 0.27	2.43
UK Emerging Cos	73.49	78.44		1.21
UK Growth	51.72	54.64†	+ 0.13	2.15
Aber World Post #	80.64	85.22	- 0.12	2.16
Ethical	79.24	82.41	+ 0.26	2.14
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.31	50.31	- 0.03	7.46

For AEGON see Matthews

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868

Result Property #	94.56	101.50		5.08

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 305 958

Annuity Income	90.67	96.20	+ 0.30	2.92
Income Builder Inc	80.19	85.31	+ 0.20	3.75

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
PA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514

Extended Trusts				
Growth & Income	372.60	291.40†	- 1.80	3.19
Capital	490.40	524.20†	- 2.40	1.20
Balanced	799.90	855.00†	- 4.40	2.43
Accumulator	1527.00	1632.00†	- 7.00	1.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	60.35	64.41	- 0.77	2.48
High Income	440.10	470.40	- 2.50	4.02
Equity Income	248.80	265.90	- 1.40	3.98
High Yield	265.40	283.70†	- 1.70	4.12
Govt Securities	32.97	34.79†	- 0.01	6.28
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	213.10	227.40†	- 2.60	0.05
European Growth	51.21	54.60	- 0.21	0.07
International	195.30	208.50	- 2.00	0.11
Japan	226.90	242.50	- 3.60	
Pacific	448.80	479.70	- 6.50	
Spec of America	579.00	617.00	- 9.20	0.13
Wrldwe Assur Val	58.55	62.59	- 0.54	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	616.90	659.40	- 1.30	1.53
Comm & Gill	48.52	51.86	- 0.04	4.18
Smaller Cos	217.00	231.90	+ 0.30	0.98
Surf Smaller Cos	206.10	220.30	+ 0.20	0.84
Recovery	171.50	183.30†	- 0.20	1.54
Mid Mkt & Cnty	193.30	206.50†	+ 1.00	0.15
Assoc Earnings	415.40	444.00	- 2.20	1.13
Technology	237.80	254.20†	- 1.20	
UK Special Sits	585.60	626.00	- 2.50	1.00

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 526 911

Cntnntl Gen Pens	118.70	123.80†		3.04
Fourmth Pnd Pens	70.55	73.29		1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

Capital	81.14	86.32		1.64
International	73.57	78.05		

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	345.70	369.50	- 1.50	
Bond	113.40	119.30†	- 0.20	7.04
Brit Smlr Cos	124.80	132.80	+ 0.30	1.67
Comm & Gen #	73.02	77.66	- 0.04	5.06
Europe	278.90	296.00	+ 0.90	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	125.60	131.90		0.61
Income & Growth	384.90	420.10†	- 1.00	4.16
Japan	353.70	376.50	- 5.30	
Latin American	84.22	88.60	- 0.93	0.87
Pacific	123.70	131.60	- 0.70	1.11
UK Smlr Cos	85.22	88.10	+ 0.04	1.21
Japan Fd	744.80	787.80	- 11.00	
Mingd Fd	301.60	314.20†	- 0.80	2.79

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 488 0673

Bnt & Ossss	378.10	397.80		0.90
Capital Gnth	127.40	134.70		2.45
Wrldw Opps	229.20	242.60		0.85

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
01481 734 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	411.10	438.20†	- 0.10	2.54
European Bd Inc	95.33	98.69	- 0.44	6.86
Exempt	78.02	84.33†	+ 0.02	6.45
Financial	97.85	104.80	+ 0.30	2.65
500	530.40	572.40	+ 0.20	2.37
General	321.00	343.60†	+ 0.60	2.54
Property	248.60	264.80		6.23
Trustee	220.70	238.00	+ 0.40	2.42
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†		5.34
Extra Income #	134.50	143.90†	+ 0.30	4.97
Gilt & Fxd Int	96.80	98.88	+ 0.18	8.25
Income #	986.80	827.60	+ 1.00	4.68
Income Builder #	69.66	74.39	+ 0.05	5.30
Int Income	71.00	75.53	- 0.36	3.88
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.30	147.90		2.17
Leisure	178.50	190.90	+ 0.30	0.84
Recovery	486.40	520.20	+ 0.70	2.61
Smlr Cos Inc	58.36	64.18	+ 0.03	1.92
Special Sits	386.20	413.10	+ 0.80	1.16
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	170.40	181.20†	- 1.30	0.10
Asst Acc	307.20	327.80	+ 0.40	1.88
Asst Inc	185.20	197.60	+ 0.20	1.88
Euro Gnth Inc	190.30	203.10	+ 0.30	0.55
- do- Accum	205.40	219.10	+ 0.30	0.55
Japan & Gen Inc	170.60	180.60	- 3.20	
- do- Accum	172.50	182.70	- 3.20	
Japan Spec Sits	78.88	83.56	- 1.70	
Worldwide	202.20	214.70	- 1.30	0.52

BARING FUND MANGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	127.30	134.50	- 1.00	
Asian Smlr Cos	177.20	189.80	- 1.90	
Convertibles	81.06	85.44	- 0.01	4.90
Eastern	327.90	353.60	- 2.10	0.30
Equity Income	98.49	102.60†	+ 0.20	3.88
European Growth	324.80	347.80†	+ 0.30	0.19
Europe	340.60	361.50	- 2.10	1.90
German Growth	86.15	91.16	- 0.32	0.50
Global Bond	70.52	74.22	- 0.11	6.50
Global Growth	151.50	161.30	- 0.80	0.48
Japan Growth	320.40	339.10	- 3.70	
Japan Smlr Cos	186.70	198.10	- 2.70	
Korea Trust	84.70	90.43	- 1.14	
Portfolio	147.10	157.40	+ 0.10	2.30
- do- Accum	175.70	187.90	+ 0.10	2.30
UK Growth	98.91	105.86	+ 0.61	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	97.15	105.70†	- 0.40	2.50
Select Managers	91.12	97.66†	- 0.02	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Gnth Port Inc	94.38	100.40		
Special Opps Inc	66.95	70.16		

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
01481 223 6020

Balanced Growth	139.76	147.90†	+ 2.41	1.47
-do- Accum	161.11	170.46	+ 2.78	1.47
Smaller Cos	155.91	164.99†	+ 0.87	0.64
Higher Yield #	56.39	58.51†	+ 0.05	7.94
American Gth Inc	99.89	105.71	- 1.01	
European Growth	162.18	171.62	- 0.97	0.12
-do- Accum	165.44	175.07	- 0.99	0.12
Global Bond Inc #	27.44	28.44	- 0.18	7.01
Mngd Pfolio Inc	53.56	56.65†	- 0.26	1.61
-do- Accum	55.20	58.39	- 0.27	1.29
Int Spec Opp.	168.85	178.69	- 0.99	
Pacific Gth	156.80	165.95	- 1.10	0.29
UK General #	95.12	100.66	+ 0.10	3.32
-do- Accum #	100.13	105.96	+ 0.11	3.32
Japan	66.68	70.57	- 0.84	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	91.63	101.19†	- 0.42	8.72

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
01481 480 7516

Short Dated Gilt	64.73	65.56		8.48

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5080

Environ	150.30	200.30	+ 0.10	1.91
Uk Growth	204.10	214.90	+ 0.50	2.07
Uk Income	143.70	151.30†	+ 0.20	4.56

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 892 100

Cat Gen Dist	232.60	246.60	+ 0.70	1.61
-do- Income Dist	125.30	129.50†	+ 0.90	3.86
-do- Accum	382.60	416.20	+ 1.60	3.86
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.05	42.09	+ 0.02	6.46
Growth Unit	243.20	260.20	+ 0.90	2.06
Bond	170.50	179.60	- 0.80	7.50
Intl Growth	205.10	217.50	- 2.30	0.20
North American	145.70	153.40	- 1.60	1.53
Pacific	135.35	142.47†	- 0.80	3.14
Smaller Cos	75.69	79.04	+ 0.11	2.63
Special Sits	100.76	106.06	+ 0.19	2.46
Tst of Inv Trsts	217.31	228.75	+ 0.05	1.09

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	228.61	243.20†	+ 1.39	1.52
Smaller Cos Acc	467.48	493.48†	+ 2.49	1.52
Recovery	56.73	59.46	+ 0.25	0.90
Recovery Acc	60.14	63.98	+ 0.26	1.36

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Capital Growth	89.37	95.84†	- 0.12	
Fd of Inv Trsts	52.83	56.35	- 0.04	0.51
High Income #	38.39	41.03†		11.21
Managed	56.41	60.23	- 0.13	
Zero Preference	42.43	45.02	- 0.02	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01279 726 777

Family Asset Tst	91.22	97.04†	+0.060	2.29
United Charities	901.20	320.40†	- 0.70	3.25

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Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.50
Bond Funds				
Dlr & Fxd Int	27.07	27.151	- 0.17	1.36
Intl Bond	29.99	30.56†	- 0.16	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	25.57	26.86†		5.37
Income Plus	126.10	134.10	+ 0.20	3.95
Amer Eq Inc	62.16	65.65†	- 0.75	1.34
European Income	49.31	52.43	+ 0.07	2.59
Far East Inc	70.72	74.76	- 0.94	2.30
Global Convertible	29.98	32.76	- 0.01	2.55
UK Dis Gnth	30.92	32.24	+ 0.05	2.10
Equity Funds				
AGC Intl	73.56	78.47	- 0.93	
American	352.70	352.70	- 0.90	
Amer Spec Sits	190.10	202.90†	- 0.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	49.63	43.34	+ 0.78	
European	221.90	236.00	- 0.50	0.57
European Opps	79.41	84.44†	+ 0.03	0.13
Global Prm	31.96	33.99†	+ 0.05	0.66
UK Growth	121.10	129.80		1.11
Growth & Inc	172.00	182.90	+ 0.20	2.54
Intl PEP	47.15	50.14	- 0.17	0.97
Japan Spec Sits	103.80	110.60	- 2.10	
Japan	201.10	213.80	- 3.80	
Managed Intl	203.50	216.60	- 3.10	0.50
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The summer shows you shouldn't miss

VISUAL ART

Four years after **Francis Bacon**'s death, the greatest British 20th-century painter is finally to be the subject of a grand survey. But the exhibition takes place in Paris rather than London. Nearly 80 outstanding works will be assembled at the Pompidou Centre by the eminent Bacon champion David Sylvester (June 27-Oct 14). They should make our major galleries realise that London needs a large Bacon retrospective soon.

Giacometti and Velázquez, two of the artists Bacon admired most, are also celebrated this summer. The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh will stage Britain's first major overview of **Giacometti**'s work since the Tate survey more than 30 years ago (June 1-Sept 22). Sculptures, paintings and drawings will testify to the uniqueness of his vision, from the disturbing Surrealism of his inter-war period to the frailty of his later elongated figures. Surprises will include Giacometti's youthful work, notably his first painted self-portrait.

Velázquez will be highlighted as the National Gallery of Scotland's major event for the Edinburgh Festival. A complete retrospective of the master's work would be impossible to stage outside Spain, but this show (Aug 8-Oct 20) promises a satisfying exploration of his early years in Seville. The masterpiece is likely to be the National Gallery of Scotland's own marvellous *An Old Woman Cooking Eggs*, but key loans are promised from the Prado, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Hermitage in St Petersburg.

The most important exhibition by a living British painter will be the Tate's **Leon Kossoff** retrospective (June 6-Sept 1), mounted in his 70th year. His output shows no sign of faltering, either in quantity or quality, and his energy remains unflagging. The powerful recent paintings of Hawksmoor's Christ Church, Spitalfields, situated in the East End neighbourhood where Kossoff grew up, will be placed in the context of 40 years' singleminded achievement: an increasingly impressive exploration of London and its inhabitants.

Some of Britain's outstanding **sculptors** are being saluted in the most ambitious exhibition ever staged by the Jeu de Paume gallery in Paris (June 6-Sept 15). Ranging from Epstein to Damien Hirst, and including Caro, Cragg, Hepworth, Long, Moore and Whiteread, it promises to be a landmark in France's gradual acknowledgement of modern British art. Six monumental works, among them a specially restored sculpture from the 1960s by Paolozzi, will be installed in the nearby Tuileries gardens.

Meanwhile, at the Hayward, the major American sculptor **Claes Oldenburg** receives a salute (June 6-Aug 18). More than 150 sculptures, drawings, photographs and films will fill the interior with the witty, alarming and fantastical images produced by a pioneer of American Pop Art — from the "soft" sculptures he produced in the 1960s to the titanic public monuments produced in collaboration with his wife, the writer and art historian Coosje van Bruggen. It should be a provocative and exhilarating spectacle.

RICHARD CORK



An Old Woman Cooking Eggs will be among the Velázquez paintings shown at the National Gallery of Scotland during the Edinburgh Festival

DANCE

The Brighton Festival has one of the hottest dance events of the spring. **Trisha Brown**, one of America's foremost choreographers, brings her latest work, *MO*, set to Bach's *Musical Offering*, to Brighton (May 17, 18), along with the gorgeous postmodern classic *Set and Reset*, which features a score by Laurie Anderson and multimedia designs by the artist Robert Rauschenberg. A week later the company arrives at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

The Festival Hall, meanwhile, is turning its stage over to contemporary dance for the first time. The honour of filling the vast auditorium goes to the Belgian choreographer **Anne Teresa de Keersmaeker** and her company Rosas with their large-scale work based on Mozart concert arias, divertimentos and piano pieces. Only one British performance, unfortunately — on July 3.

Birmingham Royal Ballet comes to Covent Garden on May 21 with a programme of Bintley ballets: *Carmina Burana*, *Far from the Madding Crowd* and *Still Life at the Penguin Café* — a real audience favourite. **English National Ballet**, meanwhile, is touring Christopher Dean's new work — the skater's first attempt at choreographing without blades. It arrives at the Festival Hall on June 17.

Rambert Dance Company, Britain's oldest established dance company, celebrates its 70th anniversary with a season at the Coliseum (July 9-13) that features Robert Cohan's intensely beautiful *Stabat Mater*, Christopher Bruce's Rolling Stones ballet *Rooster*, and a rare revival of Antony Tudor's *Dark Elegies* from 1937, a seminal work of British ballet. And thanks to Granada's £75,000 sponsorship, all the tickets will be under £20. Meanwhile, the **Royal Ballet** opens its summer season at Covent Garden on July 17 with Sylvie Guillem in *Manon*. *Swan Lake* and Twyla Tharp's *Mr Worldly Wise* also put in an appearance.

Again the dance programme at the Edinburgh Festival is strong. **Mark Morris** presents the premiere of his new Monteverdi work; **Netherlands Dance Theatre** showcases the choreography of Jiri Kylian; and the **Martha Graham Dance Company** brings a programme that focuses on her early work, from the Twenties, Thirties and Forties, including *Lamentation* and *Appalachian Spring*.

DEBRA CRAINE

OPERA

The **Royal Opera**'s energy this summer is devoted to its six-week Verdi Festival, to be launched on June 11 with Luc Bondy's production of *Don Carlos*, so extravagantly admired when seen in Paris earlier this year. Karita Mattila, Roberto Alagna, José Van Dam and Thomas Hampson head the cast, Bernard Haitink conducts, and it is already the hottest ticket in town.

The other new production is *Giovanna d'Arco* (June 24), starring June Anderson, conducted by Daniele Gatti and directed by Philip Prowse. There are revivals of *Traviata* (July 8) with Alagna and his new wife Angela Gheorghiu (also live on the Big Screen on July 15 and 18), and the controversial *Nabucco* (June 13), plus concert performances of *Alzira* (July 9) and *Il corsaro* (June 18).

English National Opera has two new productions before the season ends: David Leveaux's of *Salome* (May 25), and Nikolaus Lehnhoff's staging of *The Prince of Homburg* (June 22), Henze's setting of the Kleist play.

Outside London, the **Welsh National Opera** premieres Peter Maxwell Davies's new opera, *The Doctor of Myddfai* (July 10 in Llandudno), to a libretto by David Pountney, who also directs this intriguing folktale-allegory, and **Opera North** opens Caroline Gawn's new production of *The Marriage of Figaro* in Manchester on May 20.

Otherwise it's festival time. Highlights at **Glyndebourne** include William Christie conducting Peter Sellars's production of Handel's *Theodora* (May 17), with Dawn Upshaw and the amazing US countertenor David Daniels making debuts; Graham Vick staging *Lulu* (July 15); and — absolutely unmissable — Gennady Rozhdestvensky conducting *Yevgeny Onegin* with Elena Prokina (June 7).

Garsington (mid-June) fields an attractive programme of *Albert Herring*, Rossini's *Il turco in Italia* and *Idomeneo*. The excellent Opera Theatre Company of Dublin dominates the **Covent Garden Festival** with Handel's *Amadigi* at St Clement Danes (May 29, then at Buxton), and a Mozart double-bill (Freemasons Hall, May 30). Adventurous spirits will seek out the premiere of John Woolrich's *In the House of Crossed Desires*, to a libretto by Marina Warner, which launches the **Cheltenham Festival** on July 6.

And then there's **Edinburgh**. Note James MacMillan's new opera, *Ines de Castro* (August 23), and Robert Wilson's production from Houston of the Virgil Thomson-Gertrude Stein *Four Saints in Three Acts* (August 29). Spoilt for choice?

RODNEY MILNES

THEATRE

Expect two events to hog the hype this summer. One will be Boublil and Schonberg's musical reworking of a tale that has already spawned two movies. Will **Martin Guerre** (from July 10, Prince Edward) bring its creators as much success as *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*? Will the admirable but relatively obscure Iain Glen make as formidable a returning warrior as Gérard Depardieu and Richard Gere, stars of *The Return of Martin Guerre* and *Sommersby* respectively?

The other, rather more important happening is the 50th **Edinburgh** Festival. This year it includes John McGrath's adaptation of Lindsay's 16th-century masterpiece, *A Satire of the Four Estates*, Peter Stein's production of *Uncle Vanya*, and the variations on *Hamlet* that Robert Lepage has titled *Elsinore*.

Down in London, the **Royal Shakespeare Company** is busily importing last year's Stratford offerings for what is, sadly, its last summer season at the Barbican. The plums are Katie Mitchell's spare revival of Euripides's *Phoenician Women* (Pit, from June 26) and Steven Pimlott's over-the-top *Richard III* (June 27). The **National** presents an oddity: a small-scale *War and Peace* (Cottesloe, June 25), and brings Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Paul Scofield to the Lyttelton in Ibsen's *John Gabriel Borkman* on July 11.

Plans for the West End are less complete, though Donald Sinden could soon be seen there in a new thriller by N.J. Crisp, **That Good Night**, and Zoë Wanamaker will certainly be at the Apollo on May 20 in a most peculiar role. She plays a dog that comes between husband and wife in **Sylvia**, by the American dramatist, A.R. Gurney Jr. I'll also be eager to discover how Alan Bennett's study of sexual mores, **Habeas Corpus**, responds to Sam Mendes's directorial touch at the Donmar on June 5.

Out of town, the Theatre Royal, York, stages its city's **Mystery Plays** on June 6 in non-sexist, God-as-Goddess style. And Birmingham Rep assays a non-musical **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes** (May 21).

The **RSC**'s **Stratford season** offers not only *Macbeth*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and a *Troilus and Cressida* with Joseph Fiennes and the brilliant Victoria Hamilton as the star-battered lovers. We also get Peter Whelan's *Herbal Bed* and Richard Nelson's *The General from America*, new plays about Shakespeare's daughter Susannah and the traitor Benedict Arnold respectively. And down in Chichester, there's even more flurry: Peter Ustinov in his own *Beethoven's Tenth*, Derek Jacobi in *Uncle Vanya*, Dawn French in Priestley's *When We Are Married*, Harriet Walter as *Hedda Gabler*.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Let's begin with a stunningly obvious suggestion: all music-lovers should head for **Edinburgh** this summer. The 50th Festival (Aug 11-31) has a glorious programme: lots of Haydn symphonies but also lashings of Schoenberg; terrific visiting orchestras (New York, Cleveland, Russian National, Oslo, and the superb Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra), but also premieres of important living composers like Nunes and Kurtág. Plus starry recitals, and the usual thunderous contributions from the Festival Chorus. I expect that *Gurrelieder* will be audible in Glasgow — and why not?

Further down the East Coast, the **Aldeburgh Festival** (June 7-23) is turning somersaults in honour of Hans Werner Henze's 70th birthday. The German composer, stronger on intensity than tunes, brings a work never heard before in Britain: a fantasia pithily titled *Appassionatamente*. No connection with the recent Jilly Cooper bonkbuster, I understand. Note, too, the Aldeburgh concert devoted to Julian Anderson: a brilliant young British composer.

We introduced the **BBC Proms** (July 19-Sept 14) on this page last Thursday. The capital has much else besides. For instance, the **Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music**, at St James's Church, Piccadilly (June 8-July 4) brings a remarkable array of top European period-instrument ensembles to London.

More ear-poppin' period-instrument feats open the **City of London Festival** (June 25), when Roger Norrington conducts his London Classical Players in Smetana's *Má vlast*. Roll on, authentic Stockhausen. That festival also contains the world premiere of jazzman Dave Brubeck's *Chromatic Fantasy*, played by the Brodsky Quartet (June 27). **Spitalfields** (June 5-26), too, has a feast of premieres, as befits a festival now run by three composers (Michael Berkeley, Judith Weir and Anthony Payne). I particularly look forward to Weir's deconstruction of part of Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* for a handful of musicians. The last word in minimalism?

Cheltenham (July 6-21) and **Bath** (May 17-June 2) both have high-quality contemporary music by the ton, and there should be a fascinating meeting of disparate styles in **Salisbury** Cathedral when the revitalised festival (May 25-June 8) presents the world premiere of *Proverbs and Songs* by the jazz saxophonist John Surman. It mixes chorus, orchestra, cathedral organ and jazz soloists.

An even stranger beast will be let loose in Scotland soon. The carnyx, a Celtic war trumpet used in battle against the Romans, has been reconstructed and will be incorporated into new music by Nigel Osborne and John Kenny. The whole programme will be toured as part of the new, highly imaginative **Highland Festival** (May 24-June 8).

RICHARD MORRISON

CINEMA

If spring is here, can Arnold Schwarzenegger be far behind? Actually, his new blockbuster, **Eraser**, is out in August. This time he's flesh and blood, a federal marshal wrongly suspected of rubbing out people. Cinema trailers have a horrible habit of making even good films look bad, so we will have to see if the aggressively soulless sampler for *Eraser* is a fair omen.

Other Hollywood big guns are fired during the summer. Usually Britain has to wait an age before Disney's latest cartoon plays here, but **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** will arrive on July 19, a month after its American debut. To whet the appetite a Hunchback train is touring the country from May 25, offering a virtual-reality trip to Quasimodo's Paris.

The young crowd may also be tickled by **The Cable Guy**, the new movie from ace face-puller Jim Carrey, due on July 12; or **Independence Day**, an epic sci-fi thriller about an attack by old-fashioned aliens (Aug 9). There is also **Mission: Impossible**, a movie edition of the TV spy romp of the late 1960s, directed by Brian De Palma, and starring Tom Cruise (July 5).

But will there be anything this summer that demands the use of a brain? Yes. The Coen brothers' **Fargo**, out this month, is rewarding: with this drily comic treatment of a real-life crime in 1980s Minneapolis the slick masters of pastiche have finally made a film with feeling. Away from America, Mike Leigh's **Secrets and Lies**, one of Britain's Cannes entries, draws out comedy, pathos and satire from a woman's quest to find her natural mother. This is due on May 24.

Connoisseurs should take pleasure in **Le Confessional** (June 7), the first cinema venture of theatrical wizard Robert Lepage, which spins a fictional web around Alfred Hitchcock's visit to Quebec to shoot *I Confess*. And any admirer of Antonioni will be anxious to see **Beyond the Clouds** (July 12), the first feature the Italian veteran has completed in 14 years. This quartet of stories about love and desire is something of a folly, but you remain transfixed by Antonioni's sharp visual eye. And at end of August comes Bertolucci's **Stealing Beauty**: small-scale, lyrical and young at heart.

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■ CHOICE 1

Alan Bates stars in Simon Gray's play *Simply Disconnected*

VENUE: In preview at the Minerva, Chichester



■ CHOICE 2

... while Joseph Fiennes opens in Peter Whelan's *The Herbal Bed*

VENUE: In preview at The Other Place, Stratford

THE TIMES

ARTS



■ YOUNG ARTS

Best feet forward: tomorrow's top movers learn their craft with the National Youth Dance Theatre



■ DANCE

Balanchine revival in Birmingham, and a remarkable chance for 11 young, would-be choreographers

DANCE: Hectic times with an ever-changing company; plus Balanchine supreme

So much to do, so little time

YOUNG AT art



Members of the National Youth Dance Company prepare for one of the five new ballets they will perform in August

A fronde de jambe speeds into a spiral squiggle. "Now — this is a stomach oblique exercise, with a little bit of contemporary. Drop the abdomen down into the heel ..." Annie Went, rehearsal director of this year's National Youth Dance Company, is putting its members, drawn from different schools throughout the UK, through early-morning — yes, early-morning — class in the Michaelis Theatre of the Froebel Institute College in Roehampton, southwest London.

The dancers are twisting their toes around no fewer than five entirely new works commissioned especially for them, and to be completed in as many months. Downstairs, the first guest choreographer of the year, Javier de Frutos, is working with nine of the men.

"Three cheers for the red, white and blue!" — a tape blasts out Sousa's martial music as a triangle formation splits into a pattern of stylised parade-ground movements, twitching this way and that into individual cross-currents against the metrical symmetry of the song.

Upstairs, Sara Matthews from Rambert works in near silence. Tavener's *Ikos* comes into focus; a small, closed group brushes shoulder or cheek with the palm of a hand. Each barely perceptible movement of an arm or a bowed head turns a grouping into a tableau from a Raphael sketchbook. A solo moves out as monody thickens into harmony.

John Chesworth, NYDC's artistic director, uses as many different choreographers as he can find for each year's company, to complement the cross-fertilisation of styles, schools, ages and stages already represented by his auditioned group.

"Each choreographer and each student brings something quite different," he says. "The students get to know what is required of them from a wider range of professionals than they would ever encounter in their own schools. And they get to learn that they can spend the whole day rehearsing, sometimes with long waiting periods."

After auditions in January, 16 or so 16-to-20-year-olds met for the first time at Easter, to be moulded into a group and work five intensive days. They will not come together again until August, when they will work a gruelling seven-day week for four weeks. The technical director then comes in, the new shows are lit and dressed, and played to an invited audience at the end of the month. From late September until the following March, the NYDC start to take bookings and become visible.

Few companies have the luxury of constantly renewed enthusiasm, plus an annual clutch of new commissions. The NYDC, founded in 1985 as a close relation to the National Youth Theatre, Youth Orchestra and Youth Music Theatre, used to do even better — it was once a 25-strong group, with its own apprentice company, and enough money to commission its own composers and performers too.

No student pays a penny, and Chesworth is determined that every place shall be free.

The original Gulbenkian funding is still in place, the Arts Council Youth Arts Fund is playing its part, and a clutch of corporate eggs is being hatched. But local education authorities no longer fund individual students, and the NYDC too often finds itself caught uneasily between the professional/ community/ amateur classifications.

Chesworth, though, thinks positively. "We're having to rethink now about who we are and where we're going. And that's good. We must never just roll along."

HILARY FINCH

After the master, a mass of new talent

Birmingham Royal Ballet
Birmingham Hippodrome

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's double bill was a homage to Mozart and a prayer for the future. What will ballet become if it fails to invest in the coming decades? BRB's director, David Bintley, has declared his determination to develop new choreographers, and with this programme he put his words into practice.

But first, this century's choreographic genius and his *Mozartiana*, which began the evening. "God creates, I assemble," Balanchine said; and in his final, 1981 version of *Mozartiana*, named after Tchaikovsky's arrangement of four Mozart pieces, he assembles rococo flourishes and patterns that affirm Tchaikovsky's salute to Mozart.

The ballet's opening *Preghiera* section is also a prayer, featuring Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* and a ballerina spreading her arms, palms upwards, in a gesture inspired by the Virgin Mary. Here, too, is an image of ballet's present and future, the ballerina framed by a garland of young girls.

Mozartiana now joins BRB's growing stockpile of Balanchine's ballets and is a triumphal acquisition, staged by Suzanne Farrell, who created the ballerina role in 1981. Sabrina Lenzi, who succeeded her in Birmingham, was exquisite, with her gentle ease, her calm bourréeing and turns. What a pity that Kevin O'Hare, her partner later on, should have lacked stamina and fluency in his solos.

Heartening though this company premiere was, the remarkable event of the evening was the *Mozart Mass in C Minor*, the venture devoted to young BRB assemblers of movement, some with a little experience, others with none. Eleven of them. Bintley had not expected such an enthusiastic response to his call for volunteers.

He chose the substantial music as a way of containing so many choreographers (one for each musical section), but otherwise let them get on with it. Some, given the religious text, seemed outstandingly inappropriate. I cherish the memory of the *Qui Tollis* (the sins of the world), which prompted Shimon Kalichman to depict a sado-masochist sex ritual. But I was impressed by the drama of Oliver Hindle's *Credo*, his large ensemble organised into bold dynamics. I liked the beautiful, declamatory shapes imagined by Yuri Zhukov's *Jesu Christe* and *Cum Sancto Spiritu* and the simplicity and musicality of Mikhaela Polley's *Domine*. The designs by Birmingham art students were equally diverse.

I have heard the music better played (conductor, : Paul Murphy) and better sung (Ex-Cathedra Chamber Choir). But at £10 a ticket you could have done a lot worse, especially as the company is looking stronger by the month.

NADINE MEISNER

LONDON

KISSIN AND GLENNIE: The Russian pianist Evgeny Kissin returns to the Festival Hall (7.30pm) to give his first London recital in almost a year. Featuring Bach's *Chaconne*, Partita (transc. Busoni), Schumann's Fantasie in C, Beethoven's *Moonlight* Sonata and Liszt's *Transcendental Studies*. At 7.45pm in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the percussionist Evelyn Glennie continues her solo tour with an evening of nine percussion works, featuring three London premieres and including Django Bates's *My Dream Kitchen*. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Ⓢ

RESURRECTION: Paines Plough's much-admired play by Maureen Lawrence comes here after its nationwide tour. Penny Ciniewicz directs Malcolm Rennie and Tyrone Huggins as Dr Johnson and his black servant, Francis Barber. Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens May 10, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm.

WIGMORE RECITALS: At 6pm, Sarah Walker, mezzo, and Roger Vignoles, piano, offer an exhaustive programme of Lieder ranging from Berlioz to Wright. Later, at 8pm, Nobuko Imai, viola, Leonidas Kavakos, violin, and Oystein Birkeland, cello, give the second in the Wigmore's Beethoven String Trio series. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Ⓢ

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Macey

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: The Studio Theatre opens for the season with Stanley Disconnected, Simon Gray's sequel to his 1975 success, *Otherwise Engaged*. Alan Bates again plays Simon Hench heading a fine cast that includes his son Benedick, Gawn Grainger and Charles Kay. Richard Wilson directs. Minerva, Oaklands Park (01243-781 312). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat 2.45pm. Opens May 13, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Until June 1.

LIVERPOOL: The gregarious Jerzy Maksymiuk replaces Paavo Jarvi to conduct two concerts with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. Today's programme includes Honegger's *Pacific 231*, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Sibelius's Second Symphony. On Friday, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and the clarinettist Emma Johnson join the orchestra for works by Mozart, Weber and Shostakovich. Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Both are at 7.30pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: John Gay, Alexander Pope and John Arbuthnot collaborated on a satiric burlesque *Three Hours After Marriage*. Richard Cottrell directs the first revival since goodness knows when. Swan, Waterside (01789-295 623). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; mat Sat 1.30pm. Opens May 15. Then in rep.

Also in Stratford, Teresa Banham plays Shakespeare's married daughter Susanna, accused of a sexual liaison with neighbour Rafe (Joseph Fiennes). Michael Attenborough directs Peter Whelan's *The Herbal Bed*. The Other Place, Southern Lane (01789-295 623). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; mat Thurs,16 1.30pm. Opens May 22, 7pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Contemporary Print Show: Part 2 (0171-638 4141) . . . **Cadogan Contemporary:** William Monks Revisited: Questioning the Legacy (0171-278 7700) . . . **Museum of London:** London on Film (0171-600 0807) . . . **National Gallery:** Old Master paintings from Rome's Doria Pamphilj Gallery (0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** The Room In View (0171-306 0055) . . . **Richard Green:** Jan van Goyen (1071-493 3936) . . . **Royal Academy:** Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate:** Marlene Dumas (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** Leighton Frescoes (0171-938 8500)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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Ⓢ **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED):** The RSC's (Reduced Shakespeare Company) popular, potty rough-handling of the Bard. Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1737). Wed-Sat, 8pm; Mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm and Sun, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **ELVIS:** Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show: P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging. Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

☐ **MARIA:** Fenella Fielding plays the title role of Maria Piwikowska-Jasnorzewska, Polish poet and quintessentially difficult woman. Andrew Visnevski directs Anna Marie Grabania's play. New End, New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat 8pm; mat Sun, 4pm. Until May 19. Ⓢ

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME:** Latest version of Feydeau's classic farce *Occupe-toi d'Amélie*. Peter Hall directs a splendid cast led by Felicity Kendal. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **MISS JULIE:** Actors Touring Co bring the second of this spring's three productions of Strindberg's drama. Nick Philippou directs Kate Fenwick, Kristin Hewson and Peter Lindford. Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 5387). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 11.

■ **NUREMBERG:** Edited from the transcripts of the Nazi War Crimes Trial, and focusing on the testimony of Goering, Rosenberg, Keitel, Speer. Nicolas Kent's production is preceded by *Responses*, playlets set in Haiti, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri 7.30pm and 9.15pm, Sat 6.30pm, 8pm; mats Wed 2pm, Sat 4pm. Until June 8.

Ⓢ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Lucy Whybrow's Juliet is one of the better things in Adrian Noble's so-so production from last year's Stratford. Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Thurs 2pm. *In rep.* Ⓢ

■ **STANLEY:** Interesting Pam Gems' play, with Antony Sher a persuasive Stanley Spencer, inspired by Cookham, troubled by wives. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, Sat 2.30pm. *In rep.* Ⓢ

Ⓢ **TARTUFFE:** Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander marvellously funny, and creepy, in Jonathan Kent's top-class production of Molière's tart comedy. Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TOLSTOY:** Feeble attempt to suggest what went on in the home of the great bearded monster. F. Murray Abraham plays the complicated novelist and Gemma Jones his infuriated wife in James Goldman's play about their curdled marriage. Jack Hofsiss directs. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ **Communicating Doors:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ☐ **Funny Money:** Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . Ⓢ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . ☐ **Jolson:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **BARB WIRE** (15): Dull trash, with *Baywatch* star Pamela Anderson Lee kicking ass in a futuristic wasteland. Director, David Hogner. Warner West End (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's detective battle with a serial killer. Unpleasant thriller. Director, Jon Amiel. **MGM1: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **MARY REILLY** (15): Gloomy reworking of *Jekyll and Hyde*, seen through the eyes of Julia Roberts's housemaid. With John Malkovich. Director, Stephen Frears. **MGM1 Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279)

REBECCA (PG): Joan Fontaine marries Laurence Olivier but has to live with the memory of his first wife as well. Welcome revival of Hitchcock's melodrama. Everyman (0171-435 1525)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. With Andy Garcia. Barbican Cinema (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **MGM1c: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Cross, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGM1c: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **BROKEN ARROW** (15): John Travolta steals nuclear weapons; Christian Slater tries to get them back. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

FRENCH TWIST (18): Jovial French farce with a lesbian angle from writer-director Josiane Balasko, who's co-stars with Victoria Abril. **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U): Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters with different approaches to romance. Director, Ang Lee. Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

SMOKE (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang. **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM1c: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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CONCERTS

Bowing to loud applause

EDUCATION, charity, exchange of ideas, technical development: these are all good reasons why some of the world's most distinguished cellists regularly converge on the Royal Northern College of Music. Or so they say.

But the real reason is surely the opportunity to play to the most committed, attentive and appreciative of audiences. And it is not just the idols who are warmly received. In the same concert as Steven Isserlis was noisily applauded for a thoughtful and characteristically picturesque performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto, Natalia Gutman was no less enthusiastically acclaimed for an interpretation of Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto which had such gritty integrity that any other audience might have been awed into politeness or bewildered into silence.

The spectacular partnership between Gutman and a similarly inspired Yan Pascal Tortelier with the BBC Philharmonic was one of the factors that released the applause on this occasion.

Manchester Cello Festival
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Another ambition of the director of the festival, Ralph Kirshbaum, is to extend the repertoire. Although neither of the two works he commissioned for the BBC Philharmonic Concert — Dmitri Smirnov's Concerto, Op 74, and Alexander Goehr's *Uninterrupted Movement* — is likely to become a regular feature, both are interesting: the latter for the composer's response to the textural challenge he set himself.

A solo cello, a quartet of cellos, and an unspecified number of other cellos in two parts combine in *Uninterrupted Movement* to present quite extraordinary problems of balance. Remarkably, on its first performance — with Kirshbaum and ten BBC Philharmonic cellos — it failed only in that the solo cello was neither integrated with the others nor set in high profile against them.

There were no problems of balance in the lunchtime recital given by Thomas and Patrick Demenga, the cello's answer to Katia and Marielle Labeque. Sally Beamish's *Duel*, another festival commission, ostensibly sets them in conflict but, entertainingly, it is more a fraternal exchange of repartee than internecine strife. As for Elliott Carter's *Figment* — being given its British premiere — this perfectly proportioned construction is surely a piece that has come to stay.

GERALD LARNER

Is Bryan Adams the mild man of rock? Not in the studio, **Alan Jackson** reports

Ace face in the crowd

Militantly normal, determinedly anonymous, Bryan Adams is genuinely satisfied that most of us could pass him by without ever suspecting he is a rock star. Now 36 years old, and a recording artist for almost half his life, he has outsold most of his more profile-conscious peers — in 1991, for example, his *(Everything I Do) I Do It For You* topped the charts here for 16 weeks. Even then, he could have walked up and down the average high street without ever being asked to sign an autograph. "I could fall out of the sky on to most people and still they wouldn't recognise me," he insists.

The instinct is to disbelieve any performer who professes so to love being overlooked when out of the spotlight, but the way in which Adams has run his career to date would appear to substantiate the claim. For example, he has avoided any instinct to use his good looks ("This is a face only a mother could love") for commercial advantage, choosing not to appear in close-up — if at all — on his record sleeves. "I don't want that kind of commercial success," says the Ontario-born singer, writer and guitarist, for some years resident in London. "It suits me fine that the public is familiar with my name and my music, but not with how I look."

Until recently, he has been faceless even within the corridors of A&M, his record company for almost two decades. "I signed with them in 1978, so long ago that I've outlived almost everyone there, including the chairman — only Sting predates me," he says. "And somehow, I never really developed a relationship with anybody there. They never seemed to be particularly interested in me or what I was doing. Every now and then I'd deliver a finished piece of work and it would be a question of, 'Oh, right. We've got the new Adams album'. There seemed to be no concerted marketing or press effort."

Gradually, though, his British residency has enabled those now in place at his label to get to know him — trips to watch a Chelsea home game, the occasional dinner, that sort of thing. "Even so, creatively they've still had no influence whatsoever," he says bluntly, when asked if this thaw has affected the make-up of *18 'Til I Die*, his first new studio album for four years.

The near-defensive reply hints at another facet to the otherwise resolutely low-key image that he prefers to project. There is a steely professionalism, even an arrogance, about him which surfaces only when his creative judgment is called into question.

In addition to being a fine and distinctive pop-rock singer, Adams has a particular facility for writing melodic, anthemic ballads, and it seemed only a matter of time before he was asked to write and produce for other artists. One industry giant to spot this potential was Clive Davis, president of Arista, who drafted him in to handle a track for Carly Simon's 1987 comeback album, *Coming Around Again*. Simon says the experience represented a creative low-point for her — the two men's insistence that she perform the song the way they wanted, rather than following her own instincts, undermined her confidence at a time when she felt vulnerable.

"Listen," Adams interrupts at the mention of Simon's name, "and this is not off the record, OK? She went to the press afterwards saying that working with me was worse than watching her former husband [James Taylor] come off heroin — I've got a clipping of it. No, you haven't touched a nerve at all — in fact, I was quite flattered by that. And it was quite a good experience technologically, trying to complete a track she never even finished singing before she stormed out of the studio. It wasn't a nightmare, and I thought she was really nice. It's just that there seemed to be a lot going on for her at the time and I bore the brunt, because I didn't know how to handle her."



Put a face to the fame: "I could fall out of the sky on to most people and still they wouldn't recognise me"

It proves not the best time to ask about his experience the previous year of producing a Grammy-winning Tina Turner track, *Back Where You Started*. "You'd have to ask Tina what she thought," he says, then adds, rather more tellingly: "For me, the end result was always very satisfying. But I gave up producing other artists after the experience with Tina. I don't want to deal with that stuff any more.

"My whole ethic when in the studio is to make it as good as it can possibly be. With a lot of artists, though, it's, 'Hey, I just sang it, OK? Now I'm going shopping'. And I just don't want to work with people like that."

Adams is an infrequent interviewee, and this is his first encounter with the media to discuss his new album. Perhaps his original insistence that we talk at the mixing desk of this west London recording studio (and hence with an audience of engineers and record company personnel) was to cover an initial unease. Certainly, after suggesting that we move to a quieter room, he relaxes considerably, and becomes engaging company. He is, he insists, happier with *18 'Til I Die* than with any of its predecessors, is looking forward to the experience of touring this summer, hopes to record shortly with Brian Setzer, formerly of the Stray Cats. When a studio hand arrives with his order of baked potato and beans, however, Adams's concentration collapses. An ordinary man indeed.

● *A single,* The Only Thing That Looks Good On Me Is You, *is released by A&M on May 20.* 18 'Til I Die *is released on June 4*

Motley assembly from Moldavia

OPERA

Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci
Royal Centre, Nottingham

IT WAS only a matter of time before the Moldavian National Opera visited this country, and with its debut here on Sunday it joined the long list of former Eastern bloc companies and orchestras trawling for hard currency.

The company was formed almost 40 years ago and it now occupies a monolithic theatre in the Moldavian capital, Kishinev. This touring *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci* reveal standards as one would expect: exciting voices mixed with the kind that excite only ear, nose and throat specialists, and wooden drama sometimes rescued by individual performances.

Whatever its weaknesses, the company performs a useful service at home — and it will do so too in many towns on this tour that are customarily deprived of full-scale opera. But it was not shown to advantage by opening in Nottingham in a Royal Concert Hall that allowed only a semi-staging: most of the performances will have full scenery.

Cav did not begin well. Alexandru Samoila, a conductor with good theatrical instincts, presided over out-of-tune playing, and the Turiddu (Nicolae Busuinoc) sang with a tenor like worn sandpaper. Eleonora Constantinov had deployed the props and chorus in dull, symmetrical formations. But singing talent emerged: Natalia Cibotaru was a powerful Santuzza with a Slavonic glint to her soprano, and Liliana Lavric's flirtatious Lola matched real acting with an exciting voice.

The ladies' voices were free of the wobble one expected, and in *Pag* Oxana Cobzev was a striking Nedda. Igor Macarenco's tenor was threadbare, but as Canio he poured feeling into *Vesti la giubba*. Vladimir Dragos's Tonio sang a powerful Prologue, helped by a stronger director, Eugen Platon. The full-throated chorus had its moments. This is a real ensemble company, and singers are lined up to alternate in roles: finding an even cast may be like Moldavian roulette, but this double bill ought to appeal to connoisseurs of old-fashioned operatic values.

JOHN ALLISON

Hit and miss

Miss Julie
Lyric, W6

THE recent popularity of Strindberg's *Miss Julie* is a remarkable phenomenon. When Julia Hollander decided on Margareta Hallin's musical setting of the play two years ago to launch her new company, Operate, she could not have known that the British premiere would come in the wake of no fewer than three versions of the work.

Hollander's productions at the ENO and elsewhere have suggested a highly promising talent. Operate is a company that has a great deal to offer. Whether the decision to launch it with *Miss Julie* was a wise one is more questionable.

Strindberg's heady fin-de-siècle cocktail of sexual and class tensions achieves its explosive effect by being pared to the bone. Hallin's opera takes over lines intact from the play, in Michael Robinson's translation, but it is difficult to see what any musical setting could add.

Her astringent, ascetic score (played excellently by a string quartet under Philip Headlam) accurately mirrors the dense polyphony of the play. Attempting to replicate the conversational mode of the original, however, it denies itself the possibility of heightening the drama: there are no soaring melodic lines and few memorable moments.

Hollander's production, designed with a strong feel for the milieu by Dody Nash, and lit skilfully by Paul Russell, succeeds in capturing many of the nuances of the text. Richard Halton, wonderfully secure of tone, projects a formidable character as the socially ambitious valet Jean, while Janet Mooney's Miss Julie oscillates tellingly between aristocratic arrogance and deep-seated psychological insecurity. The production runs until May 18.

BARRY MILLINGTON





FRINGE THEATRE: Wheels fall off star vehicle; mad mother is murder

Polish dull under the veneer

Fenella Fielding is performing a one-woman play. Still looking like a Siamese cat, she is acting the part of Maria Pawlikowska-Jasnorzewska. Maria (at the New End, NW3) is a monologue recalling the life of the poet and dramatist who scandalised and satirised Polish society. Pawlikowska-Jasnorzewska bridged the gap between Neo-Romanticism and Futurism, feared authoritarianism, advocated love, and died in Manchester in 1945. Here we see the writer talking us through her history from hospital, where she finally gives up the ghost.

Sadly, this piece is a none too successful star vehicle. Pawlikowska-Jasnorzewska is rather obscure to celebrate in this country. This imagined autobiographical address, originally written in Polish by Anna Maria Grabania, scarcely discusses the literary works. *Maria* paints a portrait of the cultured glitterati of Cracow, but then basically runs through her various marriages and affairs. She consequently seems a shallow character.

Fielding does declaim verses occasionally. Some are striking, notably a light yet telling poem defining an ideal soulmate (successfully translated by Barbara Plebanek and Tony Howard). But the extracts are unintegrated. Fielding, moving into chanteuse mode, goes rhythmically awry and struggles to remember so long a soliloquy. She has wryness and relish but, frankly, more mannerisms than emotions in this portrayal.



Fenella Fielding: "More mannerisms than emotions" in one-woman show

At the Hen and Chickens in Islington, Matthew Campling's new play **Sweetest Gift** centres on a young man, Colin, torn between his nearest and dearest. These are his girlfriend Sandra; Jemmy, the friend with whom he moves in and begins a gay relationship; and his mother Pat. With a history of mental illness, Pat now lives in her own flat but is hardly self-sufficient. She is fiercely protected by Colin, but drives him round the twist with her impossible, possessive behaviour.

Campling portrays the stresses surrounding care in the community and coming out as a homosexual. A psycho killer scenario emerges on top of this. Colin reacts violently to both clutchy relationships and to being chucked. He begins with hitting Sandra. Subsequently, as bits of the story fall into place within a flashback framework, we gather there has been a crazed attack with a baseball bat, and, finally, that Colin has done violence to himself in prison.

The main problem with Campling's production is awkward acting. Daniel McKenna isn't bad as Colin. His shortcoming is that he does not emanate physical explosiveness. Georgina Burns is having difficulty getting a grip on Sandra, playing the comedy at the expense of her character's angry confusion.

Pat, at once mad and manipulative, could have dramatic potential, but this play is not quite fully formed. The baseball bat is clumsily introduced. The plot flops in an odd dream sequence and a lone snatch of courtroom evidence late in the day. More realistic detailing in these people's conversations, and, indeed, their home furnishings (Pat currently kips on a blue cube) might smooth over the bumps.

KATE BASSETT

Today's ideal office

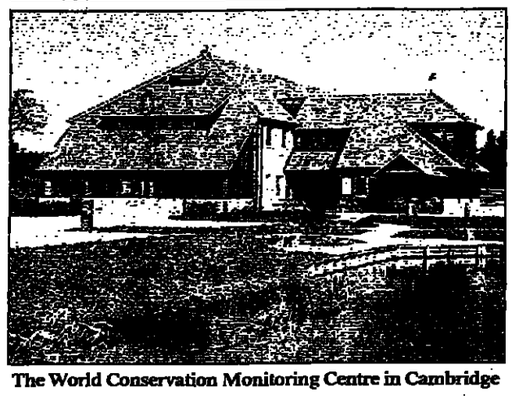
Laura Blair *on winners of the* Office of the Year Awards

The goalposts in office building design have moved. Just how far can be seen by this year's Office of the Year Awards, run by the British Institute of Facilities Management in association with *The Times*.

The ideal office building of the mid-decade replaces air conditioning with natural (or nearly so) ventilation. Energy economy is high on the list of priorities, as are ease of operation and maintenance, and general user-friendliness. A spate of high-profile buildings have been built on this model.

So it was no surprise that this year's winner of the purpose-built category, the PowerGen headquarters, Westwood Business Park, Coventry (architects Bennett Associates), conformed to the new orthodoxy. As did the winner of the Green Award, the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge (architects Annand and Mustoe).

The concept of natural cooling and ventilation for large buildings has matured over the years, spurred on equally by environmental concerns, various people-centred attitudes and a pragmatic desire to save money. Compared with air conditioning, naturally ventilated buildings slash more than 25 per cent off energy bills. A naturally cooled and ventilated building works by harnessing its own mass, design and orientation, and the flow of air through it.



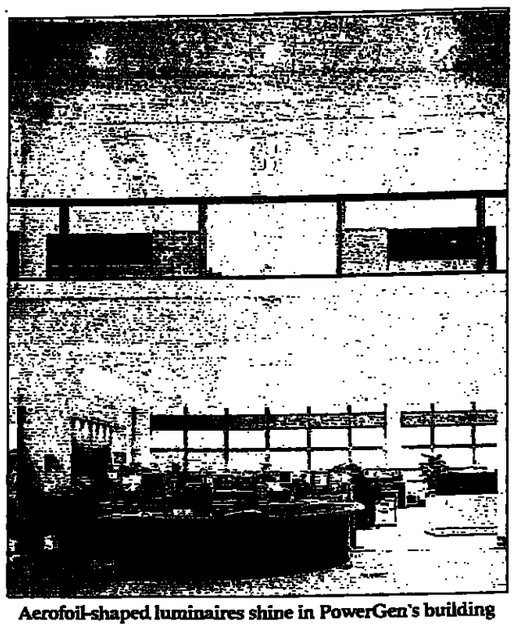
The World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge

In the main working area of PowerGen's office, quasi-elliptical bays cut in the solid vaulted ceiling, and fitted with suspended aerofoil-shaped luminaires, combine to prevent sound rebounding onto the workstations below and "funnel" natural light into the centre of the floorspace. The windows are fitted with low-emissitivity glass (to keep the heat in) and are sited to aid cross-ventilation. According to Rab Bennett, the architect, during last summer, only 12 of the 600 staff complained about the heat.

At the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC), the use of "passive energy" principles has paid off. The windows are relatively small, shadowed by roof overhangs and deeply recessed to eliminate solar gain. Here the lighting is controlled by a presence-sensing system. The total energy consumption is about half the office norm.

The WCMC wanted a building that reflected its status, yet fitted in with the greenfield site and university farm buildings near by. The use of materials and cost were also consistent with conservationist principles: the external walls are built in reclaimed local and stock bricks, while the interior is simple and understated. Who says information technology needs high-tech buildings?

The winning building in the "existing" category — the headquarters of Wilde Sapte, the law firm, close to St Paul's — is a speculative building refurbished by design consultants Marshall Cummings Marsh.



Aerofoil-shaped luminaires shine in PowerGen's building

The building shell is conventional and air-conditioned. But once you pass the developer's marble-clad entrance foyer, the ritzy look gives way to a spare interior where the decor depends on emulsion paint — in a rainbow of (regularly repainted) colours — and polished wood.

"The building was a marvellous boost for corporate morale. The clients love it. But more important, the whole firm loves it," Andrew Clarke, the managing partner, says.

MARKET MOVES

Glass touch

NO 1 New Bond Street in London's West End has had the finishing touch applied: a two-ton, 10ft-high glass sculpture by Danny Lane, designed to reflect the banners of Bond Street's shops.

The commissioning of the sculpture was the response of Chelsfield plc, the developers, to Westminster City Council's policy of encouraging works of art at office buildings. The refurbished 33,819 sq ft office building is full of light, with a transparent liftshaft.

Through Drivers Jonas and Nelson Bakewell, Chelsfield, which brought in Stanhope plc as consultants, is asking for more than £40 a sq ft. Mike Jones, of Drivers Jonas, says the building was designed for a corporate headquarters.

☐ RICHARDSON Developments' £80 million Fort Retail Park at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, has attracted five more retailers to take 39,200 sq ft. They include Clarks, the footwear company, and four retailers from the Sears group. The 260,000 sq ft retail park, on a 30-acre site that was the Dunlop tyre test track, is to open next Easter.

Don Richardson, joint managing director of Richardson Developments, believes that the park, one of Richardson's 11 main redevelopment projects in the Midlands, will introduce shoppers to a "totally new style of retailing", a trail blazed by the Merry Hill regional shopping centre.

☐ IN WHAT is believed to be one of the largest industrial lettings in the UK in the past year, Burford Holdings plc has agreed terms with Argos for a new-build 400,000 sq ft distribution centre on the Heywood Distribution Park, north-west of Manchester.

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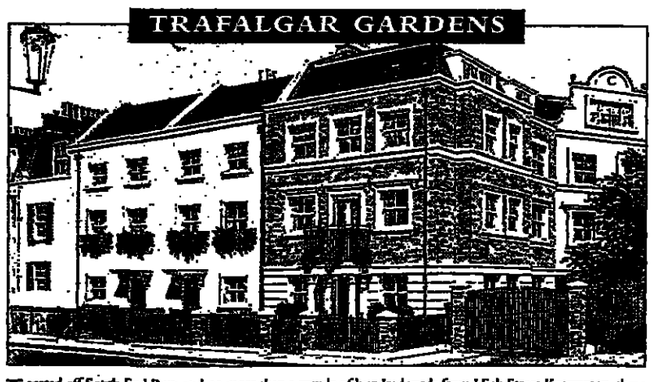
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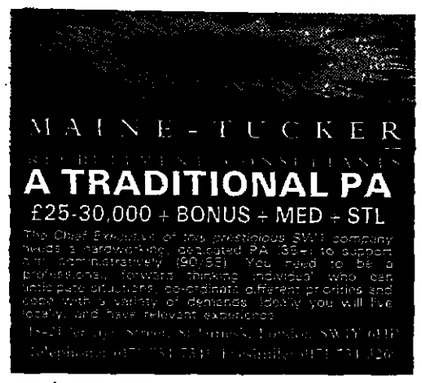
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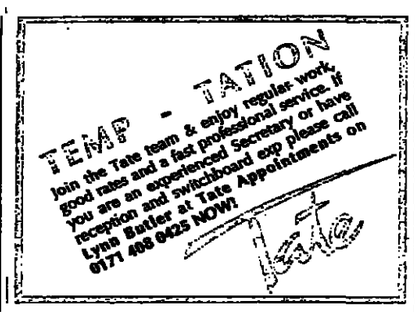
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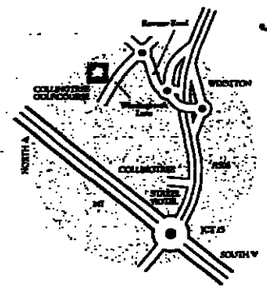
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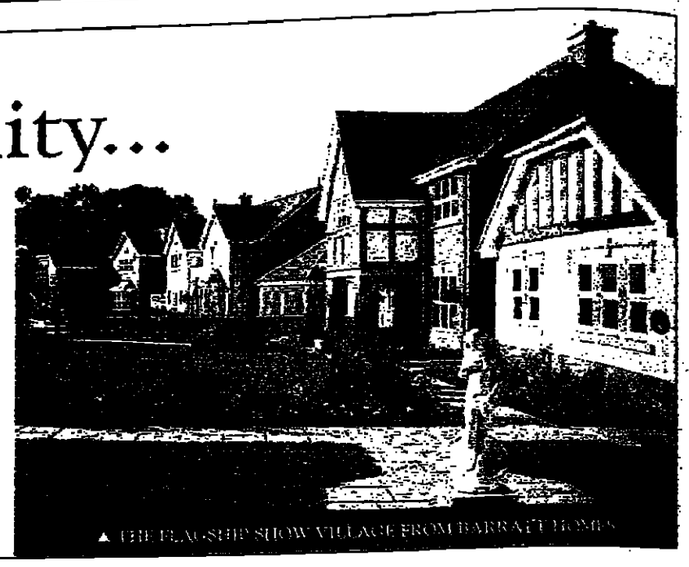
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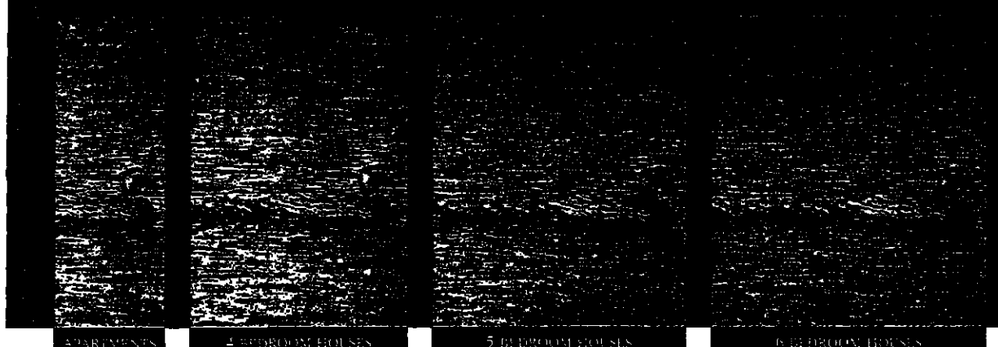
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Campaign to save the rolling stones

Ronald Gribble on the fight to preserve our decaying heritage

If you have ever wanted to restore an old windmill then there has never been a better time — for Britain's historic wind and watermills are fast disappearing through neglect, claims the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

"We estimate that one mill a week is lost through development, demolition or house conversion," says Lucy Worsley, administrator of the society's Wind and Watermill Section.

This Sunday the society is holding its sixteenth National Mills Day when more than 200 windmills and watermills throughout Britain will be open to the public.

During the Industrial Revolution mills ground the ingredients of gunpowder, provided the power to drive giant forge hammers, turned weaving machines and crushed minerals for dyes.

Many old mills have been patiently restored by dedicated volunteers, inspired by the sight of a groaning, shuddering windmill in action or a thundering watermill. Miss Worsley says: "Our biggest problem at the moment is that although we have an amazing dedicated membership, they are ageing rapidly and we need new blood."

This weekend some mills are holding special events such as bread-making, spinning, pottery-making, shire-horse shows, steam engine rallies, craft exhibitions and morris dancing.

One mill that has been carefully restored as a working mill and a home is Redbournbury Watermill, on the A5183 St Albans to Redbourn Road in Hertfordshire, a rare example of an early Victorian watermill.

A mill was first recorded on the site in the Domesday Book of 1086 and destroyed by a fire 200 years later. Parts of the present mill date from the 16th century, although the wooden wheel and mechanism was replaced with iron machinery in 1790.

It was bought by Julian James and his wife, Mandy, from the Crown Commissioners in 1987 after being empty for several years. They could not move into the millhouse straight away because it had dry rot, wet rot, rising damp, a leaking roof and a flooded cellar, so they lived in a caravan on site while repairs were carried out. Ironically, part of the mill and house were damaged by a second fire, started by vandals, only three days after they had exchanged contracts and handed over more than £150,000.



Grinding stones on show

Undeterred and with the help of their children, Justin, 24, and Tessa, 21, a band of experts, volunteers and a grant from English Heritage, the Jameses have spent the past nine years restoring the mill to its former glory. Mr James, 53, personnel director of a construction company, says: "The Crown Commissioners accepted our bid because we promised to restore the mill to working order. They turned down higher bids from other parties who wanted to turn it into a hotel or a restaurant.

"We intend to run the mill as a museum and study centre where schoolchildren can see flour being milled for local bakeries. We are not keepers of the past, but custodians of the future."

In the 1870s a steam engine was used to power Redbournbury mill, but it was scrapped for the war effort in 1915. Justin James is now working on restoring a rusty 4½-ton 1928 Crossley diesel engine, rescued from a demolished mill in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, to drive the mill because the drought-hit River Ver is not high enough to turn the wheel.

On Sunday he will put away his wire brush for a day and show visitors around the mill, while morris men dance on the green outside and beekeepers explain the craft of making honey.

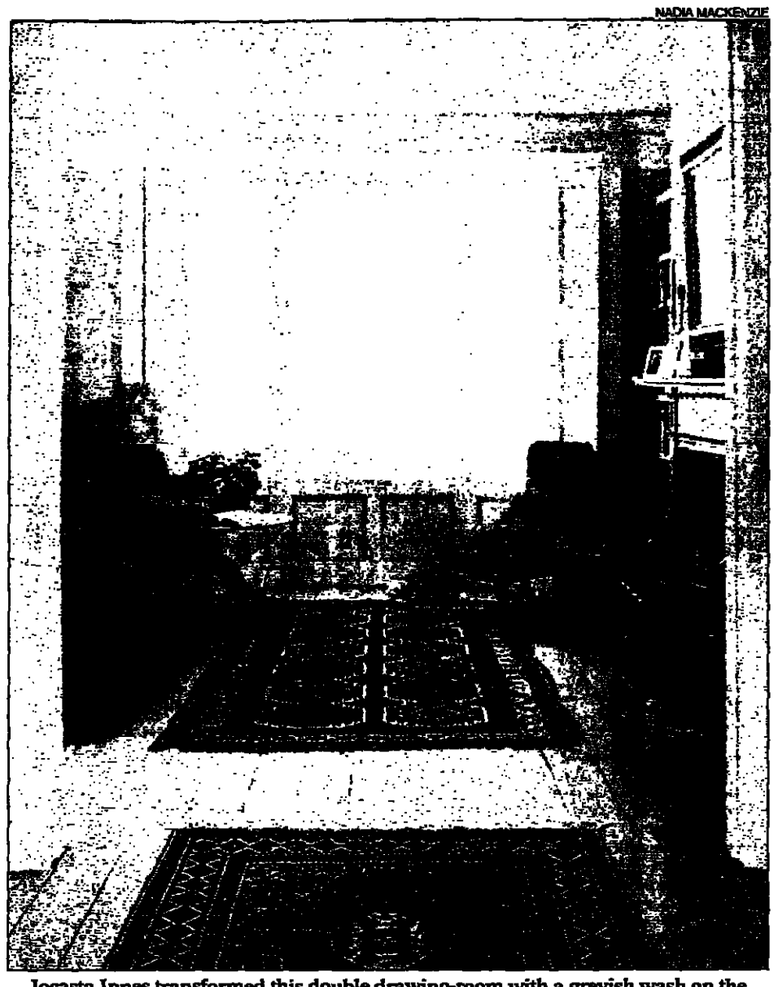
Other mills that will be grinding on Sunday include King's Mill, Shipley, West Sussex, once owned by the poet Hilaire Belloc; the seven-storey Maud Foster Windmill in Boston, Lincolnshire, which is the tallest working mill in Britain; and Mapledurham Watermill, near Reading, Berkshire, the last working watermill on the Thames and run by the country's only female miller.

There will also be a demonstration of windmill model-making at Wimbledon Windmill, the birthplace of the Scouting movement, at Wimbledon in southwest London.

● *To find out the location and opening times of a mill near you this Sunday, phone Lucy Worsley on 0171-377 1644.*

How to feather your nest

People are moving less and decorating more. Rachel Kelly on a new guide



NADIA MACKENZIE

Jocasta Innes transformed this double drawing-room with a greyish wash on the floorboards and warm saffron yellow walls for a light and airy Scandinavian feel

We are still stubbornly refusing to move. Hopes of a strong recovery in the housing market in March suffered a setback last week when figures showed a fall in sales for the second month in a row.

Data compiled by the Inland Revenue showed that 89,000 properties changed hands last month on a seasonally-adjusted basis, down from 91,000 in February and 97,000 in January. There will probably be a tally of around one million moves by the end of the year.

It may seem a lot, but this compares with sales of nearer two million at the height of the boom. Most of us are moving less often — every seven instead of every five years, according to the Central Statistical Office. In the words of John Wriglesworth, former housing market analyst at UBS and now at the Bradford and Bingley, we are nesting, not investing.

Decorating is next to nesting. Many of our homing desires are now finding their outlet at DIY shops rather than estate agents. And one of the most famous names in decorating is taking advantage of the trend to do up your bricks and mortar rather than buy new ones.

Jocasta Innes first published her thoughts on cheap decorating in the early 1970s, with *The Pauper's Homemaking Book*. Then, in the early 1980s, came *Paint Magic* and *Paintability*, which widened the notions of what you could achieve with paint, still the cheapest means to a speedy transformation.

Now comes *The Thrifty Decorator*. It usefully updates many of her ideas. As Ms Innes herself admits, her earlier books now appear somewhat hippy and old-fashioned.

As families stay put instead of trading up, space is at even more of a premium. And the bargains take more finding now that *The Antiques Roadshow* has made everyone an expert on the contents of their attics. As Ms Innes writes: "The odds are now stacked higher, in some respects, for a new generation of hard-up homeowners."

But some things are easier. The past 20 years have seen an explosion in DIY, with a consequent expansion in tools, materials and services. It is probably easier now to repair and restore than in the days when a request for "transparent oil glaze" at your local hardware store was greeted with a blank look. Today even modest builders' merchants are likely to sell stencils and centrifugal paint mixers.

The book is essentially practical, with plenty of do's and don'ts and black and white "how to" sketches. The text trots through tips for walls, floors, windows, furniture and storage, chair covers and cushions, plus an enjoyable section showing some of Ms Innes's own projects. Of course some of the practical advice hasn't changed. Ms Innes can scarcely improve on her earlier descriptions of how to re-cane a chair, cut and stitch a loose cover, or run up curtains.

The thrifty begin by decorating their kitchens. Eating in saves money. Ms Innes is a fan of the "open-faced" approach to storage. "I like to see the things I use all the time," she says. Trawling architectural salvage sheds, markets, boot sales and second-hand stores can all yield furniture for unfitted kitchens, which are cheaper and can be more efficient. "Forget the streamlined frontage of matching units featured in the glossies," she says. "They are not as space-saving as they purport to be, unless custom-made and fiendishly expensive."

She admits that her approach may mean a stylistic hotchpotch but a strong colour on the walls and maybe a chequered paint floor will help to bind the room together.

The next essentials are bedding and curtains. Sofas and easy chairs can be postponed until funds allow. The book suggests how to make floor cushions, and reminds the reader that wicker sofas and chairs are relatively inexpensive. Fold-away cream canvas directors' chairs can provide extra seating, doubling up as garden or dining chairs.

Minimalism has made bare boards chic. Old rugs add warmth: the really dilapidated ones can be cut down to make floor cushions or used to cover small chairs.

Pictures? "Consider framing scraps of interesting or beautiful old fabric, lace, embroideries and old prints, and collect old frames to refurbish. Even photocopies look impressive in decorative frames."

The book includes a list of essential tools, some fairly predictable: the collapsible aluminium stepladder, the power drill, hammer and screwdriver. But Ms Innes also highlights the need for a staple gun, "the stylist's friend", which is essential for fabric-covered walls and improvised draperies, and a sewing machine. Newer models, as she rightly points out, rarely justify the expense, second-hand models are fine. "I have never yet come across a 20th-century machine that produces the tiny, exquisitely even, plain stitching one finds on the turn-of-the-century cotton nighties," she writes. Of course she is not suggesting buying a collector's 19th-century machine, but making the point that new doesn't always mean better. I agree.

● The Thrifty Decorator *is published by Conran Octopus, price £9.99 (0171-240 0961). The Pauper's Homemaker is out of print. A second edition of* Paint Magic *called* New Paint Magic *is in bookshops.*

The key of the door is blue

A BLUE front door may help to sell your home, according to a report from the Alliance and Leicester Building Society. Hot on the heels of Pepsi's decision to launch a blue can, the report found that 38 per cent per cent of respondents were attracted by a blue front door or interior.

Dr David Lewis, a psychologist, says it is common for blue to score highly in surveys. "It is both cheerful and dignified, with a high status in our culture," he says. "We speak of honest folk as being 'true blue', and reputable companies as having a 'blue-chip' pedigree."

Other popular colours were green and red — attracting 18 per cent and 14 per cent of respondents respectively — whereas brown, black and purple were likely to turn buyers away.

Red is popular because it is exciting, vigorous and associated with people who are outgoing, impulsive and optimistic, Dr Lewis says. Brown is disliked by one house-hunter in seven and by more women than men. "Brown is considered a practical, down-to-earth colour associated with a commonsense outlook but little imagination."

Stapleford sold

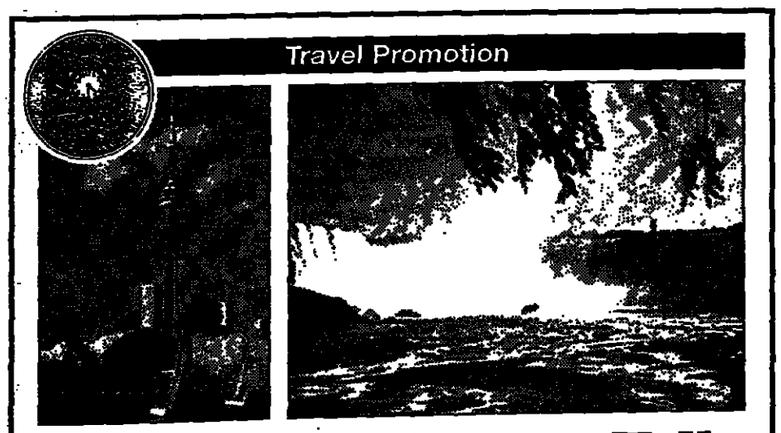
PETER DE SAVARY, the entrepreneur, has bought Stapleford Park in Leicestershire for £5 million, and plans to open it in the autumn as a club. The former America's Cup yachtsman will spend a further £2 million upgrading it.

Last week Mr de Savary announced plans to expand his Carnegie Club, based at Skibo Castle in the Scottish Highlands, to sites in the Caribbean, America and the Alps. The clubs are named after the Scots philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, once the world's richest man, who transformed Skibo into his "heaven on earth" at the turn of the century.

Stapleford is a Grade I listed building, set in 400 acres of parkland near Melton Mowbray, and is currently trading as a luxury hotel. An extra ten bedrooms will be built, bringing the total to 52, together with a golf course and swimming pool.

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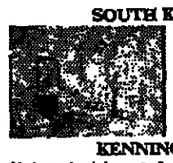
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High Baroque advertises Manton's classic strength

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A HORSE whose modest breeding precluded a Derby entry duly routed a field of Epsom candidates in the Chester Vase yesterday — and underlined Peter Chapple-Hyam's outstanding chance of winning the world's most famous Flat race next month.

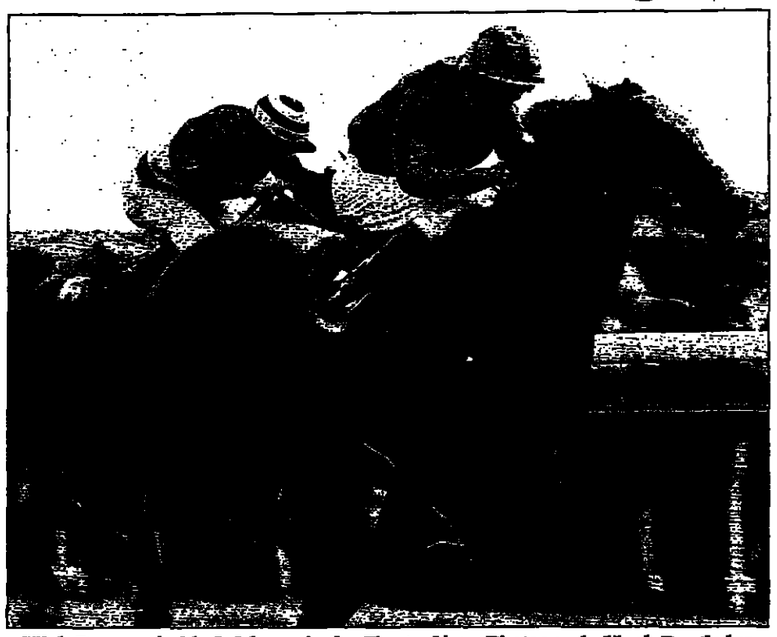
High Baroque is considered inferior to the likes of Nash House, Astor Place and Heron Island at Manton but he came from last to first inside the final quarter mile of the Derby trial to beat five rivals with an entry for the Epsom classic.

The length and a quarter victory over St Mawes came half an hour after Legal Right, another Chapple-Hyam-trained Derby entrant, had won the Grosvenor Maiden Stakes and the two results offer the Manton handler an invaluable guide as he prepares to unleash his best Derby hopes.

Nash House, backed down to 5-1 on the strength of a Newbury maiden victory last month, goes for the Dante Stakes at York next Wednesday, while Astor Place will take on the Henry Cecil-trained Dushyantor in the Michael Seely Glasgow Stakes the following day. Heron Island is due to line up for the Lingfield Derby Trial on Saturday.

As bookmakers shuffled their ante-post odds, perhaps the most enticing bet is the 3-1 offered by Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes against Peter Chapple-Hyam winning the Epsom classic.

According to Robert Sangster, who has more than a passing interest in the respective merits of the Manton inmates, the batting order reads: 1, Nash House (the only horse Sangster does not own or have a share in); 2, Astor Place; 3, Heron Island; 4, High Baroque; 5, Legal Right.



High Baroque holds St Mawes in the Chester Vase. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

However, he added an important caveat yesterday. "Astor Place worked with Nash House this morning and, if anything, worked a little bit the better of the pair." Within minutes of those remarks the 33-1 Coral had been offering was quickly trimmed to 20-1.

The form of Astor Place's victory in a Newmarket maiden last autumn now looks outstanding. Legal Right, yesterday's winner, was second, followed by Santillana, the winner of the Thresher Classic Trial, while fourth-placed Dombey has achieved a runaway success at Kempton.

Chapple-Hyam has been a fan of the Sadler's Wells colt ever since he came into the yard but he admitted Nash House probably has "the extra sparkle" — although there is a question mark over his ability to get a mile and a half. "He is bred on the same lines as Spectrum and is not guaranteed to get a mile and a half, but the way he is at home I am hopeful he will get the trip."

St Mawes appeared ill at ease going around the Roodeye and John Dunlop may run the Lord Swaythling-owned colt in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood. "He's a horse that needs the experience. He is still learning. We are still hoping he is worth running in the Derby and we might go to Goodwood to teach him something."

Sangster always enjoys coming to Chester but he confirmed one of the reasons why he is having several runners at this meeting is the excellent ground — in stark contrast to that on offer at Newmarket.

"Nick Lees [clerk of the course at Newmarket] should come here and see the ground. It is superb. I saw what Angus Gold said about the false ground at Newmarket and I agree completely. We messed a lot of horses up in the Craven meeting so I decided to have 16 runners in the North and nothing at Newmarket."

Blaze Away looks warm order in Chester Cup

CHESTER
CHANNEL 4

2.40: Despite being poorly drawn, **Vasari** should take all the beating. He was caught inside the final 100 yards over Sandown's stiff five furlongs on his debut after showing plenty of pace. This sharp five furlongs is ideal and given his early speed, Mick Channon's well-regarded colt should be able to overcome a wide draw. None of the others with racecourse experience looks anything special and two newcomers, Rainbow Rain and the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Raven Master, are likely to pose the biggest threats.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OVERRULED
(2.10 Chester)
Next best: Blaze Away
(3.40 Chester)

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.10: Solar Crystal, winner of the May Hill Stakes last season before finishing a good third in the Prix Marcel Boussac, is the clear form choice and Henry Cecil's front-running filly is sure to go close. However, this race has a habit of being won by lightly-raced sorts, including five maidens during 11 years. Smilin N Wishin, third to Air Quest, will have her supporters, along with Alessandra and the unbeaten Shemozzle.

3.40: Fujiyama Crest, a course winner over two miles last year, is strongly fancied after an encouraging seasonal reappearance at Ripon 11 days ago. Michael Stoute's handicapper has done all his winning from the front and may not be able to dominate here.

Merit improved dramatically when stepped up in trip last autumn and looks handily weighted, but **Blaze Away** must be the choice at around 10-1. Twice a winner off today's handicap mark last year, Ian Balding's fast ground-loving stayer ran a cracker in the mud behind Shadirwan at Doncaster. A winner over hurdles at Ascot last week, today's trip and strong pace should be ideal.

4.10: Wildwood Flower put up an improved performance on her seasonal reappearance at Newmarket, showing plenty of dash to lead at the furlong marker. She was caught inside the final 100 yards but stayed on resolutely and recorded a decent time. Richard Hannon's filly should be at home around this tight circuit.

The handicapper has taken no chances with the unbeaten **Angaar**, but Alec Stewart's runner could be open to further improvement now that he steps up to six furlongs. He rates the main danger from the favoured No 1 stall. **Air Wing** would appreciate easier ground.

Richard Evans

CHESTER

THUNDERER

2.10 Three Hills
2.40 Vasari
3.10 Solar Crystal
3.40 **TRAINGLOT** (nap)
4.10 Angaar
4.40 Tillyard

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Misky Bay. 3.40 Fujiyama Crest. 4.10 **ANGAAR** (nap).

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J H Jumps. F N flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F–7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST
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107	(13)	5313-22	DEADLINE TIME 42 (V,BF,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-11	B Doyle	90
108	(11)	34-1500	DIEGO 13 (G) (C Brittain) C Britain 8-10	L Dettori	89
109	(9)	0-03	MISKY BAY 13 (G Stonebridge) J Gosden 8-10	K Fallon	91
110	(4)	3000-21	OVERSWAN 72 (D,G) (Marquese de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 8-7	N Varley (3)	95
111	(5)	55006-2	BELLATOR 32 (P Richardson) G Balding 8-4	A Garth	80
112	(7)	0-00	BACKWOODS 11 (P Alds) W Brisbourne 8-0	[redacted]	[redacted]
113	(3)	218331	MONTECRISTO 13 (D,F,G) (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 8-0	F Lynch (5)	97

BETTING: 4-1 Overruled, 5-1 Benatom, Three Hills, 6-1 Backdrop, Misky Bay, 7-1 Deadline Time, 8-1 others.
1995: ASTROLABE 8-6 M Hills (14-1) B Hills 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENATOM beat Clerkenwell neck in 7-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). OVERRULED beat Nasseem Alasbar 1¼l in 11-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). THREE HILLS 3l 2nd of 10 to Prize Giving in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). BACKDROP beat Shooting Light ¾l in maiden auction at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). DEADLINE TIME neck 2nd of 9 to Jackson Park in handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft). MISKY BAY 3¾l 3rd of 12 to Frequent in maiden at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: BENATOM

2.40 EVELYN DELVES BROUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES — C4
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £7,113: 5f 16yd) (9 runners)

201	(1)	54	BOLD AFRICAN 11 (D Mahoney) P Evans 8-11	L Dettori	–
202	(6)	3	BURLINGTON HOUSE 11 (R Gross (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	–
203	(3)	63	MALJOVA 36 (J Gosbee) R Hollinshead 8-11	G Carter	–
204	(2)		NOMORE MR NICEGUY (Mrs C McPhail) E Alston 8-11	S D Williams	–
205	(7)		RAINBOW RAIN (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	–
206	(4)	05	RAKE HEY 11 (Lord Lewesdulme) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	K Darley	–
207	(5)		RAVEN MASTER (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	–
208	(9)	3222	SWINO 9 (Swinerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 8-11	K Fallon	–
209	(8)	2	VASARI 11 (BF) (A Tuckerman) M Channon 8-11	Pat Eddery	–

BETTING: 6-4 Raven Master, 5-2 Rainbow Rain, 4-1 Vasari, 8-1 Burlington House, Swino, 14-1 others
1995: NIGHT PARADE 8-11 J Reid (11-8 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAINBOW RAIN (cost $100,0000) half-brother to winner in USA; dam minor sprint winner in USA. RAVEN MASTER (traded May 1) first foal; dam, from family of Intrepidity, twice-raced maiden. SWINO 3l 2nd of 9 to Rude Awakening in maiden at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). VASARI ½l 2nd of 9 to Roman Imp in maiden at Sandown (5f, good) with BURLINGTON HOUSE 5l 3rd, BOLD AFRICAN ¾l 4th and RAKE HEY 1¼l 5th.
Selection: VASARI

3.10 SHADWELL STUD CHESHIRE OAKS — C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £24,595: 1m 3f 79yd) (8 runners)

301	(3)	14213-	SOLAR CRYSTAL 220 (F,B) (M Poland) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	[redacted]
302	(1)	252-2	ALESSANDRA 12 (D Dale) B Hills 8-9	Pat Eddery	77
303	(8)	3	BERENICE 30 (Gestut Schlenderhan) G Wragg 8-9	M Hills	71
304	(4)	212613-	GRYADA 206 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-9	T Quinn	88
305	(5)	0	LUNDA 19 (S Manana) C Britain 8-9	B Doyle	–
306	(2)	11-	SHEMOZZLE 191 (F) (Lord Hartington) J Gosden 8-9	L Dettori	76
307	(7)	2-3	SMILIN N WISHIN 19 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	J Reid	79
308	(6)	1023-1	TOUT A COUP 25 (F,S) (E Loder) G Cusack (Ire) 8-9	M J Kinane	92

BETTING: 9-4 Solar Crystal, 11-4 Shemozzle, 3-1 Alessandra, 8-2 Gryada, 10-1 Smilin N Wishin, 12-1 others.
1995: DANCE A DREAM 8-8 W R Swinburn (3-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOLAR CRYSTAL 2l and head 3rd of 11-to Miss Tahiti in group I Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp (1m, good). ALESSANDRA 3¼l 2nd of 14 to Gupta in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good). BERENICE 4l 3rd of 14 to Samsaan in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good). SHEMOZZLE beat Abir 1¼l in 14-runner maiden at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). SMILIN N WISHIN 5l and head 3rd of 11 to Air Quest in maiden at Newbury (1m 3f, good). TOUT A COUP beat Parade Sauvage ½l in 9-runner conditions race at the Curragh (1m, soft).
Selection: SOLAR CRYSTAL

3.40 TOTE CHESTER CUP — C4
(Handicap: £36,329: 2m 2f 147yd) (18 runners)

401	(6)	0441-24	DARAYDAN 7 (F,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 4-9-10	K Darley	96
402	(15)	012-3	CORRADINI 19 (BF,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	94
403	(9)	3/6200-6	LINPAC WEST 46 (G,S) (Mrs K Jansen) D Nicholls 10-8-12	Alex Greaves	95
404	(4)	48000-8	SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 11l (F) (Johnson) M Pipe 5-8-10	J Weaver	94
405	(10)	0011-3	FUJIYAMA CREST 11 (C,F,S) (S Reid) M Stoute 4-8-10	L Dettori	93
406	(5)	2620121	KADASTROF 19 (G,S) (A Pakora) R Dickin 8-8-8	Dana O'Neill (5)	93
407	(8)	04123-33	KOUFARI 11 (BF,S) (E Weetman) R Hollinshead 5-8-6	F Lynch (5)	94
408	(17)	41233-53	THALJANAAH 22 (F,S) (W Clifford) D Williams 4-8-5	W Carson	98
409	(14)	16000-3	BLAZE AWAY 8U (F,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-8-5	W Ryan	96
410	(3)	5/3/0-	TRAINGLOT 58J (D,F,G,S) (Marquese de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 9-8-4	K Fallon	–
411	(11)	01/646-0	TARQUDANT 4J (B,C,F,G) (G Forsdyke) B Hobson 9-8-1	N Connorton	–
412	(1)	111-233	OPERA BUFF 21 (F,G,S) (B Tregoning) Miss G Kellaway 5-7-12	M Adams	[redacted]
413	(13)	213222-8	SEA VICTOR 11 (V,F,S) (J Abell) J L Harris 4-7-12	J F Egan	98
414	(7)	00-0050	EVEZIO RUFO 15 (V,S) (T Clarke) M Usmodar 4-7-11	K Darley	95
415	(2)	4112-24	UNCHANGED 11 (C,BF,F,S) (M Simmonds) C Britain 4-7-10	B Doyle	93
416	(16)	665005-	NAHAR 287 (S) (T Long) J Jenkins 8-7-10	Declan O'Shea	90
417	(18)	14-68	ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 25 (G) (Mrs P Heard) A Bailey 7-7-10	D Wright (5)	87
418	(12)	600111-	MERIT 186 (F,G,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-7-10	J Quinn	89

Long handicap: Nahar 7-9, Anglesey Sea View 7-9, Merit 7-6.
BETTING: 5-1 Trainglot, 11-2 Fujiyama Crest, Merit, 8-1 Blaze Away, Opera Buff, 10-1 Corradini, Daraydan, 12-1 Seasonal Splendour, Unchanged, 14-1 Kadastrof, 20-1 Noolari, Sea Victor, Thaljanah, 25-1 others.
1995: TOP CEES 5-8-8 K Fallon (8-1) Mrs J Ramsden 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAYAYDAN 6¼l 4th to Double Trigger in group III Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot (2m, good to firm) FUJIYAMA CREST 3¼l 3rd to Orchestra Stall in handicap at Ripon (2m, good) with UNCHANGED ¾l 4th and TARQUDANT 30l 8th. KADASTROF beat Kamikaze 6l in handicap at Newbury (2m, good to soft) with CORRADINI (5lb better off) 11l 3rd. BLAZE AWAY 10l 3rd to Shadirwan in handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to soft) with EVEZIO RUFO (10lb better off) 2¾l 8th. OPERA BUFF 3¼l 3rd to Progression in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). MERIT beat Paradise Navy 2½l in handicap at Doncaster (12m 110yd, good to firm) with SEA VICTOR (13lb better off) neck 3rd and BLAZE AWAY (14lb better off) 3¼l 6th.
Selection: FUJIYAMA CREST (nap)

4.10 BOODLE & DUNTHORNE DIAMOND HANDICAP — C4
(3-Y-O: £10,710: 6f 18yd) (13 runners)

501	(1)	1-1	AMGAAR 19 (F,S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7	L Dettori	96
502	(5)	611-116	KRYSTAL MAX 48 (D,F,S) (Oakfield Nurseries Plors) T Barron 9-7	J Fanning	96
503	(8)	3342-02	WHITTLE ROCK 21 (C,G) (Bay Horse Racing Syndi) E Alston 9-7	S D Williams	95
504	(6)	0631-2	WILDWOOD FLOWER 20 (D,F) (G Howard-Spinks) R Hannon 9-5	Pat Eddery	97
505	(9)	31-	AIR WING 239 (G) (P Bass (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 9-4	R Hills	92
506	(4)	122113	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 20 (D,F,G,S) (Ed Weetman Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-2	K Fallon	97
507	(7)	02-1	TOTAL ALOOF 26 (F) (Total (Bloodstock) Ltd) W Haggas 8-13	M Hills	89
508	(11)	150-600	ORIEL LAD 53 (V,C,D,F,S) (Kendall White & Co Ltd) P Evans 8-13	F Lynch (5)	95
509	(2)	3-33233	MYTTONS MISTAKE 40 (F) (G Mytton) A Bailey 8-11	D Wright (5)	[redacted]
510	(13)	622420	MONTRESTAR 4 (F) (J Pugh) P Evans 8-9	B Carter	98
511	(12)	22100-6	HOH MAJESTIC 14 (V,F,G) (Swan At Whatley Plors) M Ware 8-8	J F Egan	91
512	(10)	0-14106	PRINCELY SOUND 20 (D,G) (S Byrne) M Bell 8-5	M Fenton	91
513	(3)	0-54486	DON'T TELL ANYONE 16 (G) (Tom Hill Comm) P Evans 7-10	Iona Wands (7)	92

Long handicap: Don't Tell Anyone 9-1.
BETTING: 5-2 Angaar, 9-2 Total Aloof, 6-1 Air Wing, Wildwood Flower, 8-1 Whittle Rock, 12-1 Weetman's Weigh, Krystal Max, 14-1 others
1995: GO NEVER GOLF 9-7 G Carter (100-30 fav) T Naughton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMGAAR beat French Colt head in 8-runner rated stakes at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) WHITTLE ROCK 2½l 2nd of 15 to Splicing in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good). WILDWOOD FLOWER 1¼l 2nd of 15 to Calise in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to firm) with WEETMAN'S WEIGH (1lb better off) neck 3rd and PRINCELY SOUND (5lb better off) 3¼l 6th. AIR WING beat Music Gold 4l in 20-runner maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good) TOTAL ALOOF beat Divine Miss-P 1¼l in 10-runner maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
Selection: AMGAAR

4.40 SEFTON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £7,067: 7f 2yd) (12 runners)

601	(11)	62-	ASHANTI DANCER 222 (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 8-11	R Cochrane	86
602	(4)	2	AUNTY JANE 19 (P Locke) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	[redacted]
603	(1)	2-2	BOLLIN JOANNE 15 (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 8-11	M Birch	97
604	(9)	0	BOMBAY SAPPHIRE 19 (P Tabrangi) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill (5)	93
605	(12)	5-3	CHARLOTTE CORDAY 21 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	93
606	(3)	0	COVERED GIRL 19 (M Leggo) B Hills 8-11	K Fallon	–
607	(2)	23-	HULM 196 (K Alsayegh) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	90
608	(5)	53-	IBERIAN DANCER 268 (G Collister) J Hills 8-11	T Quinn	81
609	(8)	3254-04	MARJORIE ROSE 38 (B) (Lioncan Ltd) A Bailey 8-11	D Wright (5)	81
610	(7)	56	NICOLA'S PRINCESS 15 (J Graham) B McMahon 8-11	G Carter	69
611	(6)	4	SANDHILL 19 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	85
612	(10)		TILLYARD (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	–

BETTING: 3-1 Sandhill, 4-1 Charlotte Corday, 9-2 Aunty Jane, 5-1 Bollin Joanne, 8-1 Tillyard, 12-1 others.
1995: DREAM TICKET 8-11 W R Swinburn (6-5 fav) M Stoute 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUNTY JANE 3½l 2nd of 17 to Satin Bell in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to soft) with SANDHILL 9l 4th. COVERED GIRL 5l 8th and BOMBAY SAPPHIRE 13l 14th. BOLLIN JOANNE 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Promptly in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good) CHARLOTTE CORDAY 4½l 3rd of 18 to Tawaaded in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) HULM 2¾l 3rd of 14 to Jeiyah in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good). IBERIAN DANCER 3½l and short-head 3rd of 11 to Brilliant Red in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm). MARJORIE ROSE 1¾l 4th of 10 to Splicing in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good) with NICOLA'S PRINCESS 4l 5th.
Selection: AUNTY JANE

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THUNDERER

1.50 Superior Premium. 2.20 Precious Girl. 2.50 Flyaway Blues. 3.20 Giftbox. 3.50 Alambar. 4.20 Peggy Spencer.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 **GIFTBOX.**

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 AYR MAY CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,818: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(3)	31	MASTERSTROKE 25 (D,F) B Meehan 9-2	M Tebbutt	–
2	(8)	1	SUPERIOR PREMIUM 26 (D,S) R Fahey 9-2	A Culhane	–
3	(7)	0	BEN'S RIDGE 20 P Haslam 8-12	J Fortune	–
4	(6)		BIFF-EM Miss L Perratt 8-12	G Duffield	–
5	(1)		OSSOMENTAL D Haydn Jones 8-12	A Mackay	–
6	(2)	16	ENCHANTING EVE 19 (D,G) C Allen 8-11	L Newton (5)	–
7	(5)	1	EXPRESS GIRL 27 (D,S) D Moffatt 8-11	Darren Moffatt (3)	–
8	(9)	21	FULL TRACEABILITY 23 (D,G) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	–
9	(4)	13	HIT OR MISS 19 (D,S) M Channon 8-11	P P Murphy (5)	–

7-4 Superior Premium, 7-2 Full Traceability, 9-2 Masterstroke, 6-1 Ossomental, Hit Or Miss, 10-1 Express Girl, 16-1 others.

2.20 BALLANTRAE HANDICAP (£3,146: 5f) (11)

1	(2)	0301	JUST BOB 5 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 7-10-6 (7ex)	Martin Dwyer (7)	90
2	(10)	300-	MIDDLE EAST 219 (D,F) T Barron 3-10-0	D McKeown	83
3	(3)	266-	PRECIOUS GIRL 186 (C,D,S) D Moffatt 3-10-0	D Moffatt (3)	87
4	(7)	-352	FRONTMAN 14 T Barron 3-9-11	J Carroll	86
5	(8)	4224	LORD SKY 40 (D,F,S) A Bailey 5-8-7	Angela Gallimore (7)	98
6	(5)	00-0	CALL TO THE BAR 15 (D,F,S) M Dods 7-8-4	J Carroll	92
7	(9)	0000	LEADING PRINCESS 6 (B,CD,F,S) Miss L Perratt 5-8-2	P Fessey (5)	91
8	(6)	0030	PENNY'S WISHING 8 (G) N Byrnell 4-8-13	G Duffield	90
9	(1)	00-0	ANOTHER MISHTAKE 27 (D,S) T Dyer 4-8-6	R Mullen (7)	–
10	(11)	0-05	SUNDAY MAIL TOO 6 (B,D,S) Ms Perratt 4-7-10	L Charnock	[redacted]
11	(4)	03-0	SECONDS AWAY 93 (B) J Goldie 5-7-10	T Williams	[redacted]

9-4 Just Bob, 5-1 Lord Sky, Frontman, 8-1 Sunday Mail Too, 8-1 Middle East, 10-1 Precious Girl, Leading Princess, 12-1 others.

2.50 FENWICK MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,696: 1m 2f) (7)

1	(5)	0-00	FLYAWAY BLUES 21 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0	D McKeown	90
2	(7)	/4-5	DE-VEERS CURRIE 12 R Fisher 4-9-9	J Fortune	86
3	(6)	0-06	SHERIDOT 6 D Moffatt 4-9-1	Darren Moffatt (3)	79
4	(1)	400-	TRIMPED 235 P Monteith 4-8-11	L Charnock	–
5	(2)	5350	RATTLE 9 (B) J O'Neill 3-8-6	J Carroll	[redacted]
6	(4)	00-5	SYLVAN PRINCESS 34 C Allen 3-8-1	Martin Dwyer (7)	[redacted]
7	(3)	0	PHILGEM 11 J Hetherton 3-7-12	N Kennedy	91

2-1 Flyaway Blues, 3-1 De-Veers Currie, 7-2 Rattle, 5-1 Trimped, 6-1 Sylvan Princess, 16-1 Sheriot, 33-1 Philgem.

3.20 TORRANYARD HANDICAP
(£3,664: 1m 2f 192yd) (13)

1	(11)	0-03	ASKERN 5 (C,F) D Haydn Jones 5-10-0	A Mackay	86
2	(7)	5130	MANFUL 16 (D,F,G) W Elsey 4-9-10	N Kennedy	91
3	(6)	6404	DANA POINT 9 (F) T Barron 4-9-8	J Fortune	87
4	(13)	0363	MISS ZANZIBAR 11 (F) R Fahey 4-9-2	A Culhane	[redacted]
5	(5)	6061	GIFTBOX 6 (S) M Prescott 4-9-1 (5ex)	G Duffield	[redacted]
6	(4)	/51	WALWORTH LADY 11 (D,F,G) M Dods 5-8-13	J Carroll	90
7	(10)	46-0	BONNCLUFFE 28 (F) Mrs A Naughton 5-8-10	M Tebbutt	89
8	(8)	0356	DRUMMER HICKS 9 (F,G,S) E Weymes 7-8-6	D McKeown	92
9	(2)	454-	ACHILLES HEEL 216 (G) C Allen 5-8-3	Martin Dwyer (7)	85
10	(7)	0-33	KEEP BATTLING 19J (CD,F) I Golden 5-8-2	T Williams	90
11	(12)	036-	STORMLESS 216 P Monteith 5-7-13	L Charnock	83
12	(3)	366-	GUARDS BRIGADE 341 J Hetherton 5-7-11	P Fessey (5)	83
13	(9)	0-00	PERCY PARROT 6 (V) R Whitaker 4-7-10	Dale Gibson	82

11-4 Giftbox, 6-1 Askern, Keep Battling, 8-1 Dana Point, Manful, Drummer Hicks, 10-1 Walworth Lady, 12-1 others.

3.50 CROSSHILL LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,017: 1m) (6)

1	(5)	3134	GENERAL HAVEN 8 (G) T Naughton 9-1	J Fortune	93
2	(3)	0201	SUNLEY SECURE 6 (D,S) M Channon 9-1	P P Murphy (5)	[redacted]
3	(4)	22-6	ALAMBAR 13 P Walwyn 8-12	J Carroll	[redacted]
4	(2)	00-5	BOLD PATRIOT 22 J Hills 8-12	G Duffield	93
5	(1)	0-50	MANOY 9 J Hetherton 8-12	N Kennedy	96
6	(6)	005-	SUNDAY MAELSTROM 303 T Dyer 8-9	R Mullen (7)	–

6-4 Alambar, 9-4 Sunley Secure, 4-1 General Haven, 7-1 Bold Patriot, 12-1 Manoy, 25-1 Sunday Maelstrom.

4.20 KILMACOLM HANDICAP (£3,100: 7f) (18)

1	(2)	0144	PEGGY SPENCER 42 (D,G) C Thornton 4-9-12	D McKeown	90
2	(16)	056-	MOROCCO 195 (D,F,S) M Channon 7-9-10	P Murphy (5)	94
3	(15)	1118	MY GALLERY 23 (D,C,S) A Bailey 5-9-9	Angela Gallimore (7)	93
4	(5)	0-41	TINKLERS FOLLY 23 (C,F,G) D Smith 4-9-6	C Teague (5)	94
5	(1)	33-0	MO THOMPSON 95 H Akbary 4-9-5	M Tebbutt	85
6	(8)	10-0	HIGHSPEED 72 (CD,F) S Kettlewell 4-9-3	J Fortune	84
7	(14)	3211	EBEN NAAS 11 (D,G) S Williams 3-9-2	J Tate	92
8	(18)	-000	TEE TEE TOO 6 (B,G) A Harrison 4-8-11	Dale Gibson	85
9	(7)	0330	NORTHERN SPARK 12 (D,F) Ms Perratt 5-8-11	G Duffield	93
10	(4)	5262	SWANE PLISSKEN 27 D Haydn Jones 5-8-9	A Mackay	90
11	(9)	30-6	TEEJAY'N'ATCH 20U (G) J Goldie 4-8-11	J Carroll	91
12	(13)	540-	MISS PEGALLE 224 (B,D,F) Miss L Perratt 5-8-9	P Fessey (5)	86
13	(3)	0-46	SHAREOFTHEACTION 11 (D) Ms Naughton 5-8-8	V Halliday	93
14	(12)	2-16	BEDAZZLE 23 (B,G) M Brittain 5-8-7	M Baird (5)	93
15	(9)	0400	BLUE LUGANA 20 N Byrnell 4-8-5	T Williams	87
16	(17)	000-	TAUREAN FIRE 197 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-13	Martin Dwyer (7)	85
17	(10)	0-00	MALZOOM 14 S Kettlewell 4-7-12	N Kennedy	91
18	(11)	56-4	MILLEMAY 8 P Monteith 6-7-12	L Charnock	[redacted]

4-1 Eben Naas, 5-1 Tinklers Folly, 7-1 My Gallery, 8-1 Peggy Spencer, 12-1 Morocco, Seske Pleches, Millemay, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Haslam, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%, S Kettlewell, 6 from 20, 30.0%. Mrs M Reveley, 17 from 82, 20.7%, M Prescott, 4 from 21, 19.0%, M Channon, 4 from 24, 16.7%, N Byrnell, 7 from 53, 13.2%.
JOCKEYS: J Tate, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; M Tebbutt, 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Carroll, 17 from 118, 14.4%; L Charnock, 8 from 64, 12.5%; J Fortune, 9 from 79, 11.4%, Darren Moffatt, 4 from 38, 10.5%.

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THUNDERER

2.00 Born To Please. 2.30 Routfontaine. 3.00 Cracking Idea. 3.30 Court Joker. 4.00 Certain Angle. 4.30 Gysart.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.00 BALMORAL JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,486: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1			ASTROLABE 16F J Bradley 11-0	Guy Lewis (3)
2		32	ATH CHEANNAITHE 200 (S) J Hardie 11-0	Mr J Culloty (3)
3		0P	BIG BANDS ARE BACK 62 C Popham 11-0	T Dascombe (3)
4			BORN TO PLEASE 218F P Hobbs 11-0	R Dunwoody
5		3PP	LITTLE SHEFFORD 21 D Williams 11-0	R Johnson
6		3542	PLEASANT SURPRISE 28 (B,BF) M Pipe 11-0	D Bridgwater
7		0	ROSENCRANTZ 69 Miss V Williams 11-0	R Davis
8		03	SPUMANTE 26F M Muggeridge 11-0	B Powell
9		000	AMAZON HEIGHTS 32 L Grassick 10-9	Mr J Grassick
10		0	HAYS LODGE 168 C Benoist 10-9	A P McCoy
11		0	LEGAL DRAMA 8 John Berry 10-9	I Lawrence
12		0	RUPERT'S PRINCESS 12 (B) H Haynes 10-9	G Upton

2-1 Ath Cheannaithe, 3-1 Born To Please, 4-1 Pleasant Surprise, 8-1 others.

O'Sullivan's status elevated by keeping bad company



Daly: explosive talent packs galleries

MIDWEEK VIEW



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The world snooker championship has cheered us all up. A genuine Bad Lad has turned himself loose and all those who love, follow or have a financial stake in the game are singing loud hosannas to the gods of sport.

Never mind the result, this was Ronnie O'Sullivan's tournament. A row about show-boating, some wonderful snooker, an impossible victory from 5-10 down and, as the clincher, an incident in which he not only punched but bit a press officer: some of us only dream but others act. Well, what more could a tournament, a sport, desire? For this is more than a matter of cheap publicity. This is actually one of the core issues of sport: why we do it, why we watch it, why we come back for more.

A Bad Lad is not just someone who gets into trouble. To qualify, a Bad Lad must bring a very special, gravity-defiant quality to his sport. Vinnie Jones is not a Bad Lad, he is just a thug. George Best was a Bad Lad in the true, the magical, sense of the term.

Mike Gatting was never a Bad Lad, though he has made plenty of headlines for bad behaviour with rebel tours, political demonstrations, rows with umpires and a diplomatic incident. Ian Botham was a Bad Lad, even though he did not make half as much trouble.

Nick Faldo has known plenty of controversy and has been involved in a number of distasteful incidents, but there is only one Bad Lad in golf. He packs galleries and makes even non-golfers switch on their television, and his name, of course, is John Daly.

The FA Carling Premiership season has been an enthralling duel and the honours of the season have gone to the *Garçon Mauvais*. The prize and the title of footballer of the year went to Eric Cantona, not to such worthy chaps and fine players as Peter Beardsley and Les Ferdinand.

The first and most obvious thing a Bad Lad brings to his sport is a sense of danger. This is what a great actor is supposed to bring to a theatre: Olivier, who had this quality in abundance, always seemed on the brink of running amok through the audience. Where he was concerned, the normal mechanisms of control did not seem to function.

In the same way, O'Sullivan is capable of reeling off four frames in 40 minutes, devastating opponents and audiences with his brilliance. Best, Botham, Cantona, Daly: all possessed or possess this extraordinary *explosive* kind of ability. It is an aspect of the restless and volatile nature of the genuine Bad Lad and, yes, it is wonderful to watch; and it certainly always looks as if it must be wonderful to possess such a talent and ride in triumph across your chosen sport.

Bad Lads excite more than admiration, however. They also bring out an odd protective instinct. It seems silly to feel protective about a man called Beefy, about a man who bites press officers, about a man who deals out kung fu kicks with such aplomb, but there is a sense in which Bad Lads are victims.

They make enemies, they polarise a sport's followers and create a legion of anti-supporters. They are prone to spectacular failures: O'Sullivan will play an awful safety shot or miss an easy pot when his mind has moved on to other things. All Bad Lads can move in a second from triumph to disaster, the more dreadful for the hopes lost in the process.

The failures pain us, especially as they always make so many other people gloat. Bad Lads also seem to be fined more heavily or banned more readily than others would be for the same offence. We want to protect them from their enemies, officials, opponents, the world, themselves.

For we all recognise something of ourselves in a Bad Lad — perhaps those who despise them or fine them do so even more than the rest of us. There is a part of all of us that yearns to live without restraint, to possess a talent without boundaries and to behave exactly as we see fit, without regard for people or rules or conventions of any kind.

How wonderful to have a talent that gives you wings, the courage to fly beyond the net of all those tedious aspects of everyday life. This is the MacCavity Syndrome, named for T. S. Eliot's renowned mystery:

"MacCavity, MacCavity,
there's no one like
MacCavity.
He's broken every human law
He breaks the law of gravity."

It is the MacCavity Syndrome that makes the Bad Lad the most mesmeric character in sport, the source of endless arguments, passionate hates, wild loves and the most secret self-identification. There is a little of McEnroe in us all.

Perhaps we love the Bad Lads because there is always a payback. A wild talent set in a wild nature makes for some wild sport — but disaster is always lurking: the sun grows too hot, the wings fail and the ground is always lying in wait. Every one of sport's MacCavitys has a second name, and it is Icarus. Why else would we love them.



O'Sullivan: never far from an error

FOR THE RECORD

BALLROOM DANCING

BIRMINGHAM: UK Open championships: **UK ten-dance amateur:** 1, D Bennett and R Coster (Sheffield); 2, S Sysum and K Lagden (London); 3, D Bennett and C Marsh (Sheffield); 4, I Harvey and E Francis (Bassingbourn); 5, S Olivieri and A Zucco (Aus); 6, P Boswald and E Parakhina (Holl). **UK senior modern:** 1, C and A Freeman (Chorley); 2, C and T van Ameyde (Holl); 3, F and K Visscher (Holl); 4, J and C Banks (Whitley Bay); 5, I Pickles and J Hembry (Leeds); 6, J and J Coode (Swansea). **UK senior Latin:** 1, T and M Long (Wigan); 2, A and G Newman (Rochdale); 3, I and S O'Neil (Shipley); 4, M Fischer and B Werner (Ger); 5, M and E Long (Southampton); 6, S and C Madden (Oldham). **UK junior modern:** 1, W Boyce and L Bellinger (Bournemouth); 2, P Starling and A Davies (Ellesmere Port); 3, K Finch and K Nuttall (Preston); 4, G Hinton and C Baird (Cheshire); 5, S Brandreth and L Mullins (Manchester); 6, P Kelly and L Coakley (Prescot). **UK junior Latin:** 1, W Boyce and L Bellinger (Bournemouth); 2, S Brandreth and L Mullins (Manchester); 3, P Hurley and C Main (Hornchurch); 4, G Hinton and C Baird (Cheshire); 5, K and J Crilton (Grimsby); 6, P Starling and A Davies (Ellesmere Port). **Prof modern purse:** 1, S Draper and L Mariner (Sheffield); 2, J Wyse and O Maikina (Bromsgrove); 3, T and M Mason (US); 4, P Holmes and W Davies (US); 5, W Bullock and J Phillips (Sandwell); 6, H Klethnik and G Keppel (Ger).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 10 Detroit 5; Kansas City 9 California 4; Oakland 5 Cleveland 3; Seattle 5 Minnesota 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles 8 Pittsburgh 4; Florida 4 New York 1; Montreal 6 Chicago 2; Houston 11 Philadelphia 5; Atlanta 4 Colorado 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Semi-finals: Western Conference: Seattle 105 Houston 101 (Seattle lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of three: Surrey 262 (N Shahid 83, G J Kennis 81; J P Searle 4-37) and 127-7; Durham 125 (J E Benjamin 5-28). First day of three: Abbotsholme School, Rocester: Yorkshire 324-7 dec (B Parker 83, N Russell 84 not out, CA Chapman 53); Derbyshire 12-0 Old Trafford: Lancashire 351-8 dec (D J Sheaford 101 not out), Worcestershire 28-1 Eastbourne: Essex 247 (JJ Lewis 105; A D Edwards 7-85), Sussex 51-0 North Parrott: Somerset 178; Northamptonshire 206-0 (D J Roberts 104 not out, L G Swann 87 not out).

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day) Bristol: Hampshire 251-5 (G W White 86 not out, M Keech 71, K D James 56); Gloucestershire 236 (C J Taylor 51; D M Thomas 4-53) Hampshire won by 15 runs.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Sussex under-15s 175-7 declared; Croydon under-15s 60 Sussex won by 115 runs.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: GS Orion (Spofforth, N Yorks, 65m): 1, M Bell (Castelli Sport) 2hr 31mn 30sec; 2, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) at 30sec; 3, A Jordan (Brough Wh) same time. Mid-Devon CC (Totnes, 60m): 1, K Lilley (St Budeaux CC) 2:30'00; 2, A Ryder (St Budeaux CC), 3, A Parker (Mid-Devon CC) all same time.

TIME-TRIALS: Holme Valley Wheelers (Yorks, 25m): 1, G Watts (Team Rapide) 55 47; 2, K Murray (Army CU) 55 48, 3, A Pettitt (Mercia CC) 57'09 Team: City RC, Hull (fastest third rider) 1 01 13. Cleveland Coureurs (Clay Bank, hilly 22 5m): 1, D Cook (Middridge CRT) 56'30; 2, S Tyson (Middridge CRT) 56'44, 3, P Newman (GS Metro) 58 44 Team: Middridge CRT 2'32'30 Burton and District CA (Windley, Derbyshire, hilly 21mi). 1, C Myhill (Chesterfield Coureurs) 53 39 (event record); 2, C Allcock, (Mansfield RC) 53 37; 3, P Miller (Mansfield RC) 53.40

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

NORTHERN COUNTIES CUP: Final: Northumberland 1 Greater Manchester 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND LEAGUE CUP: Final: Blakenall 1 Oldbury 0.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: First division: Scot 1 Caddington 3; Buckingham 0 De Havilland 3.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 2 Mossley 1; Flixton 1 Trafford 0; Holker Old Boys 4 Rossendale 0.

HOCKEY

IPOH, Malaysia: Sultan Azlan Shah tournament: Great Britain 2 India 1; Holland 1 South Korea 1; Australia 7 Malaysia 1.

HA YOUTH CUP: Under-18: Semi-finals: Wellington College 6 Exeter School 1; Millfield School 1 Eastbourne College 1 (Millfield won 4-2 on pen strokes). Final: Wellington 2 Millfield 2 (Wellington won 4-1 on pen strokes) Under-16: Semi-final: St George's College 5 Sir William Borlese's GS 1, Repton School 3 Perse School 1 Final: St George's 2 Repton 1. Under-14: Semi-final: Bethnal Green HS 1 Dean Close School 1 (Bethnal won 1-0 on pen strokes). Trent College 1 Gresham's 0. Final: Bethnal Green 2 Trent College 2 (Bethnal Green won 3-1 on pen strokes)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Western Conference: Chicago 4 Colorado 3 (OT) (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

MOTORCYCLING

OULTON PARK: British superbike championship: Fifth round: (15 laps, 41 53m): 1, J Whyham (Yamaha) 24min 30.59sec (101.87mph); 2, N Mackenzie (Yamaha) 24:37 10; 3, M Rutter (Ducati) 24:37 47; 4, C Walker (Ducati) 25:12.53; 5, D Jefferies (Honda) 25:13.52; 6, G Ward (Ducati) 25:15.69. Fastest lap: Whyham 1:36 78 (104.07mph). Sixth round: 1, T Rymer (Ducati) 24:05 61 (103 43mph); 2, Whyham 24:05 76; 3, Mackenzie 24:06.20; 4, Rutter 24:11 18; 5, S Hislop (Kawasaki) 24:17 43; 6, Jefferies 24:28 78. Fastest lap: Mackenzie 1:34 85, (105 06mph, lap record). Championship positions: 1, Mackenzie 122pts; 2, Whyham 85; 3, Rymer 75; 4, Rutter 67. **Motorcycle City supertaxen championship** (8 laps, 22.15m): 1, C Burns (Aprilia) 16:37.28 (79 96mph); 2, T Tunstall (Aprilia) 16:54 95; 3, M Heckles (Cagiva) 16 56 25. Fastest lap: Burns 2:01 85 (81.80mph). British 250cc supercup (10 laps, 27 66m): 1, J Vincent (Honda) 16:20.88 (101 62mph); 2, C Ramsay (Aprilia) 16:32.45; 3, S Smart (Honda) 16:36.32 Fastest lap: Vincent 1:38.96 (102.80mph, lap record) British 125cc supercup (10 laps, 27 66m): 1, M Lofthouse (Honda) 17:24 76 (95.41mph); 2, P Owens (Honda) 17:26.98; 3, J Davis (Honda) 17'34.69. Fastest lap: Lofthouse 1:43.46 (96.34mph)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Workington 18 Halifax 18.

RUGBY UNION

NEWCASTLE SEVENS TOURNAMENT: Semi-finals: Northampton 22 Kelso 7, Newcastle 21 Flexicoles 38 (Flexicoles disqualified) Final: Newcastle 0 Northampton 36.

SNOOKER

CRUCIBLE THEATRE, Sheffield: Embassy world championship: Final: S Hendry (Scot) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 18-12 (frame scores, Hendry first): 2-121, 75-42, 34-78, 84-81, 85-51, 18-57, 103-4, 74-39, 80-58, 125-0, 22-81, 70-31, 70-77, 134-0, 74-0, 82-0, 85-14, 1-75, 88-21, 83-23, 34-89, 0-77, 60-86, 96-0, 54-27, 78-23, 77-25, 1-71, 39-83, 73-16)

SQUASH

DURHAM: Open championship: Final: E Shisanga (Zambia) bt P Lord (Cheshire) 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

TABLE TENNIS

BRATISLAVA: European championships (selected results): Singles: Men: Quarter-finals: P Karlsson (Swe) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 11-21, 21-19, 21-16, 21-17; J Persson (Swe) bt P Chila (Fr) 21-15, 21-13, 21-17, J Gatien (Fr) bt J Roaskopf (Ger) 21-10, 22-20, 23-21; J Waldner (Swe) bt K Kreange (Gre) 19-21, 21-13, 21-12, 21-16 Women: Quarter-finals: N Struse (Ger) bt Ni Xia Lian (Lux) 21-16, 20-22, 21-17, 9-21, 21-18; E Schall (Ger) bt M Hooman (Hol) 21-14, 23-21, 21-7; J Schopp (Ger) bt I Palina (Russ) 10-21, 21-13, 21-13, 21-19; K Toth (Hun) bt E Cosu (Rom) 19-21, 21-12, 21-18, 21-14.

TENNIS

ROME: Women's tournament: First round: S Jayaseelan (Can) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 7-6, 6-3; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt F Fortuni (It) 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's challenge series
11.0, first day of three
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Indians

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Rocester: Derbyshire v Yorkshire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire. North Parrott: Somerset v Northamptonshire. Eastbourne: Sussex v Essex. Second day of three: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup
Final
Paris Saint-Germain v Rapid Vienna (King Baudouin Stadium, Brussels, 7.15)

PAUL MERSON TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Arsenal XI v International XI (7.45).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Brighton (2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham v Notts County (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds (7.0). Tranmere v Liverpool (7.0); West Bromwich v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Preston (7.0); Hull v Blackpool (7.0). Mansfield v Manchester City (7.0); York v Grimsby (7.0).

JEWSON LEAGUE CUP: Final: Fakenham v Halstead.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Challenge match
Wigan v Bath
(at Maine Road, Manchester, 8.0).

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Show (Home Park, Windsor)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Belle Vue (7.30); Long Eaton v Swindon (7.30); Poole v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30).

TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent)

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Chester

Going: good

2.10 (5f 16yd) 1, CONNEMARA (K Fallon, 100-30), 2, Foot Battalion (W Ryan, 16-1), 3, Carmina Lake (J Reid, 4-9 fav). *ALSO RAN: 10 Aztec Traveller (5th), 16* Weet Ees Girl (4th), 25 Amy (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 5l, 8l. C Dwyer at Nemarket. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £4.40. DF £39.60. CSF £39.99.

2.40 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, LEGAL RIGHT (J Reid, 3-1), 2, Shantou (G Hind, 13-8 fav); 3, Bowled Over (K Fallon, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ambassador (6th), Chabrol (5th), 10 Amhem (4th), 20 Ancient Quest, 33 Crabbie's Pride, 50 Loch Style. 9 ran. 1½l, 1¼l, 2½l, 7l, 2l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £1.30, £4.30. DF: £3.10 Trio: £74.40. CSF: £8 05.

3.10 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, HIGH BAROQUE (J Reid, 11-4); 2, St Mawes (W Carson, 11-4); 3, Prince Of My Heart (K Fallon, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Air Quest (5th), 15-2 Sesuru (4th), 25 Classic Eagle (6th). 6 ran. 1¼l, 2½l, 5l, 2½l, 30l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton Tote: £4.00; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £5.50. CSF: £10.24.

3.40 (7f 122yd) 1, PRENDS CA (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 2, React (T Quinn, 16-1); 3, Pharmacy (G Duffield, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Suelbach (4th), 5 Mango Hal Basal, 7 Elite Force, School Boy, 9 Proud Monk, 11 Alpine Hideaway, Kizomba (5th), 14 Desert Cat, 16 Naissant, 33 Le Sport (6th), 13 ran. 1¼l, hd, 1½l, nk, 3l R Hannon at East Everleigh Tote: £16.90, £4 60, £4.90, £3.80. DF: £103.40. Trio: £725.00. CSF £197.36 Tricast: £2,214.43.

4.10 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, HUGWITY (J Stack, 6-1); 2, Ten Past Six (M Hills, 14-1); 3, Hardy Dancer (S Whitworth, 5-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Golden Touch (5th), 13-2 Komreyev Dancer, Tallka, 12 Barberoja, Grand Selection (6th), Sheraz, Te Amo, 14 Conspicuous, 16 Secret Ally (4th), 20 Aldaneh, Nordic Breeze, Romos. 15 ran NR: Reverand Thickness 1l, nk, ¾l, nk, ¾l, B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £9.10; £2.70, £4.90, £3.10. DF: £74.50. Trio: £144.30. CSF: £89.81. Tricast. £426.13.

4.40 (5f 18yd) 1, PRIDE OF BRIXTON (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 2, Night Parade (J Reid, 11-4 fav); 3, Tadeo (J Weaver, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 6 Eastern Prophets. 7 Secret Voucher. 8 Dande Flyer, 9 Pleasure Time, 10 Polly Golightly (4th), 11 Miss Bigwig (6th), 50 Don't Tell Anyone (5th). 10 ran 3¼l, 2l, ¾l, ¾l, 2l G Lewis at Epsom Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £7.00. Trio: £15.40 CSF: £15.90 Tricast: £82.75

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,034.59 carried forward to Chester today).

Placepot: £1,595.40. Quadpot: £145.70.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to soft, good in places

1.55 (2m 6f hdle) 1, MARINE SOCIETY (A Thornton, 3-1), 2, Ottowa (A P McCoy, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Bishops Island (J F Titley, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Jovial Man (6th), 5 Will I Fly (5th), 14 Sticky Money (4th), 16 Big Strand (pu), 33 Daming Bridge. 8 ran. NR: Allez Wilfins, Happy Horse. 2½l, 20l, 1l, 10l, 20l. A Newcombe at Barnstaple. Tote: £3 90; £1 40, £1 40. £3.00 DF: £8.50. Trio: £13.70. CSF. £11.63. Tricast: £78.73.

2.25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, JURZ (T Dascombe, 9-4); 2, Robert's Toy (D Bridgwater, 7-4 fav); 3, Caspian Beluga (G Upton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8-4 Mybleackthorn (4th), 14 Oliver Duckett (5th), 40 Raggerty (6th). 8 ran. NR: Hang'em Out To Dry, Mouse Bird Sh hd, 8l, 21l, 21l, 1¼l R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £3 10; £1.60, £1 90. DF: £5 10. CSF: £8.47

2.55 (2m 110yd ch) 1, JAMES THE FIRST (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Rather Sharp (T Dascombe, 12-1); 3, Saffash (M Richards, 20-1). ALSO RAN 7-4 fav The Sister (pu), 6 Dr Rocket (4th). Pats Minstrel (5th), 12 Golden Opal (pu). 7 ran. NR: Benjamin Lancaster. 3½l, 1¾l, 8l, dist. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £5.20. DF £21.80. CSF: £23.23. Tricast: £349.48.

3.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, YUBRALEE (D Bridgwater, 7-4); 2, Lady Peta (J R Kavanagh, 5-4 fav); 3, Dream Here (S Fox, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Coswell Steptoe, 8 Kindergarten Boy (pu), 10 World Express (5th), 16 My Son Tom (pu), 50 Imalight (4th), Peruant Pete (pu). Seven Brooks (6th), 10 ran. NR Topanga. 1¼l, 5l, 2l, 10l, 5l M Pipe at Wellington. Tote £3.30, £1 10, £1 40, £3 30. DF £2.80. Trio: £22.60 CSF £4.88

3.55 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, GREEN HILL (Miss L Blackford, 3-1), 2, Southerly Gale (Mr A Farrant, 6-1), 3, Well Timed (Mr M Frith, 8-1) ALSO RAN 9-4 fav Stormy Sunset (l), 3 Ive Called Time (pu), 12 Good King Henry (4th), 25 Lavalight (pu), 33 Chandigarh (5th), 8 ran. 2½l, 4l, 23l, 11½l Mrs L Jones at Taunton. Tote: £3 20; £1.60, £2.60, £1.80 DF. £12 90 CSF: £20 91

4.25 (3m 3f hdle) 1, BEE DEE BOY (B Fenton, 8-1); 2, Jadidh (D Salter, 12-1); 3, Glen Mirage (Miss M Coombe, 10-1). ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Aleymann, 11-2 Petroc O'Brien, 7 Blue Lewis, 11 Ballydougan (6th), Prince Nasha, 12 Khatir (4th), Rashin (pu), 25 Glaisdale, 33 I'm Toby (5th), 40 Ok Corral, 50 Pennant Cottage. 14 ran. NR: Beylord Prince, Country Store 3½l, 1¼l, 6l, 2½l, 11l. P Clarke at Hailsham Tote: £7.90; £2 50, £4.10, £3.80. DF £36.30 Tro. £273 40 (part won; pool of £11,69 carried forward to 3.40 at Chester today). CSF: £79.27. Tricast: £884.62.

Placepot: £58.80. Quadpot: £21.00.

Doncaster

Going: good, good to firm in places

6.00 (5f) 1, Grovefair Flyer (M Tebbutt, 5-1); 2, Poly Moon (9-4); 3, Contravena (6-1). 7 ran NR: River Bend 2½l, 1¾l, B Meehan Tote: £5 80; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £5.10 Trio: £3.70. CSF: £9.81. Treasure Touch (13-8 fav) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 35p in pound

Wincanton

Going: firm

5.45 (2m hdle) 1, Ashwell Boy (R Dunwoody, 1-3 fav); 2, I Have Him (6-1), 3, Storm Run (9-2). 8 ran. NR Miss Firecracker 2½l, 4l, P Hobbs. Tote: £1.40; £1 00, £1.80, £1 60. DF. £2.70 Trio. £1 60 CSF. £3.39.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Do you know what an opening bid of 4NT means? It is not Blackwood. It asks your partner to cue-bid (i.e. name the suit) in which he has an ace. If he has no aces he responds Five Clubs, if he has the ace of clubs he responds *Six Clubs, and if he has two* aces he replies 5NT. It doesn't come up very often, but a canonical example occurred in the match between Great Britain and Ireland at the EC Championships in April.

Dealer North **East-West vul.** **IMPs**

	♠1093 ♥5 ♦KQ843 ♣K1087	
♠A85 ♥10 ♦J72 ♣Q65432	N W E S	♠76 ♥942 ♦A10965 ♣AJ9
	♠KQJ42 ♥AKQJ8763 ♦- ♣-	

W	N	E	S
-	Pass	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: ten of hearts

This was the auction when the Irish were North-South. If North had held the ace of spades, he would have replied Five Spades over 4NT, and then South could have bid Seven Hearts. When our team-mate Tony Sowter held the South hand he rather lazily ov- ed Six Hearts.

Not e it is not right for East to double North's Five Clubs 'for the lead'. Players have been known to try 4NT with a hand which is not completely iron-clad, and if South's side suit happened to be KQ10(xx) of clubs, a club lead would give the contract. Secondly, notice Senior's trump lead: that is the lead least likely to give away a trick, and occasionally might stop declarer getting a ruff in dummy when his side-suit is not quite solid. In practice there was no way the declarer could go down.

The other possible lead by West is the ace of spades, attempting to give East a ruff. That was the winning shot on a similar hand I described recently, played in last year's Bermuda Bowl.

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KEENE on CHESS



BY RAYMOND KEENE
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Kirsan strikes back

Kirsan Ilumzinov, the controversial multi-millionaire president of FIDE, the world chess federation, *has struck back at his critics* among the European and American federations by announcing *that the FIDE world champ*ionship between Anatoly Karpov (Russia) and Gata Kamsky (United States) *will now start on* June 6 in Elista, capital of Kalmykia. Kalmykia is the autonomous Russian republic of which Ilumzinov is also president. He has personally guaranteed a prize fund of $2 million.

Initial qualms expressed by Kamsky at playing in Elista were *quashed when Ilumzinov* threatened to bring in grandmaster Valery Salov (Kamsky's defeated opponent from the final of the FIDE qualifying contest) as Kamsky's replacement if he refused to accept Elista as the venue. The match would be for the best of 20 games.

Schools championship

The semi-finalists for the *Times* British schools championship are: Maidstone Grammar, Manchester Grammar, Oakham and St Columb's, Derry. The semi-finals and final will take place at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on July 4 and 5. The following game, won by an alumnus of the *Times championship*, was instrumental in gaining Michael Adams first place in the recent New York tournament.

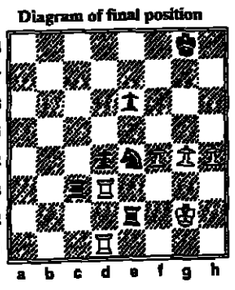
White: Viktor Korchnoi
Black: Michael Adams
New York, April 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	g3	b6
4	Bg2	Bb7
5	c4	Be7
6	Nc3	Ne4
7	Bd2	0-0
8	d5	Nxc3
9	Bxc3	Bf6
10	Rc1	d6
11	dxe6	fxe6
12	0-0	Qe7
13	Bd6	Rxf6
14	Qd3	g6
15	Nd4	Bxg2
16	Kxg2	Nd7
17	Qe4	Raf8
18	Qb7	Ne5
19	h3	g5
20	f3	a5
21	a3	h5
22	Nb5	R8f7
23	b4	axb4
24	axb4	h4
25	c5	bxc5
26	bxc5	d5
27	gxh4	Rg7
28	Kh1	g4
29	Qxc7	Qxc7
30	Nxc7	Rxc7
31	hxg4	Rfc8
32	Rc3	d4
33	Rb8	Rxc5
34	Kg2	Rc2
35	Rf2	Rd2
36	f4	Nc4
37	Kf3	Ra2
38	Rd3	Nd2+
39	Kg2	Ne4
40	Rf1	Rc3
41	Rfd1	Rxe2+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEGER
a. Ski braking manoeuvre
b. A melting cone
c. A ballroom dance step

YEDDO
a. Tokyo
b. Ridged silk
c. Gee-up to huskies

SPHAIRISTIKE
a. A globular column
b. Tennis
c. A Korean martial art

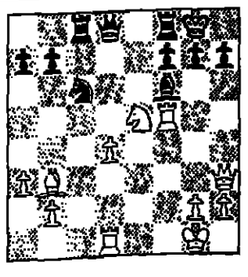
TWEEDE NUWEJAAR
a. A thornproof tweed
b. A greeting
c. January 2

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kogan — Foster, Boston 1937. Although his d-pawn is weak, White has a great concentration of force against the black kingside. How did he now prove that this is more relevant than his pawn weakness?



Solution on page 46

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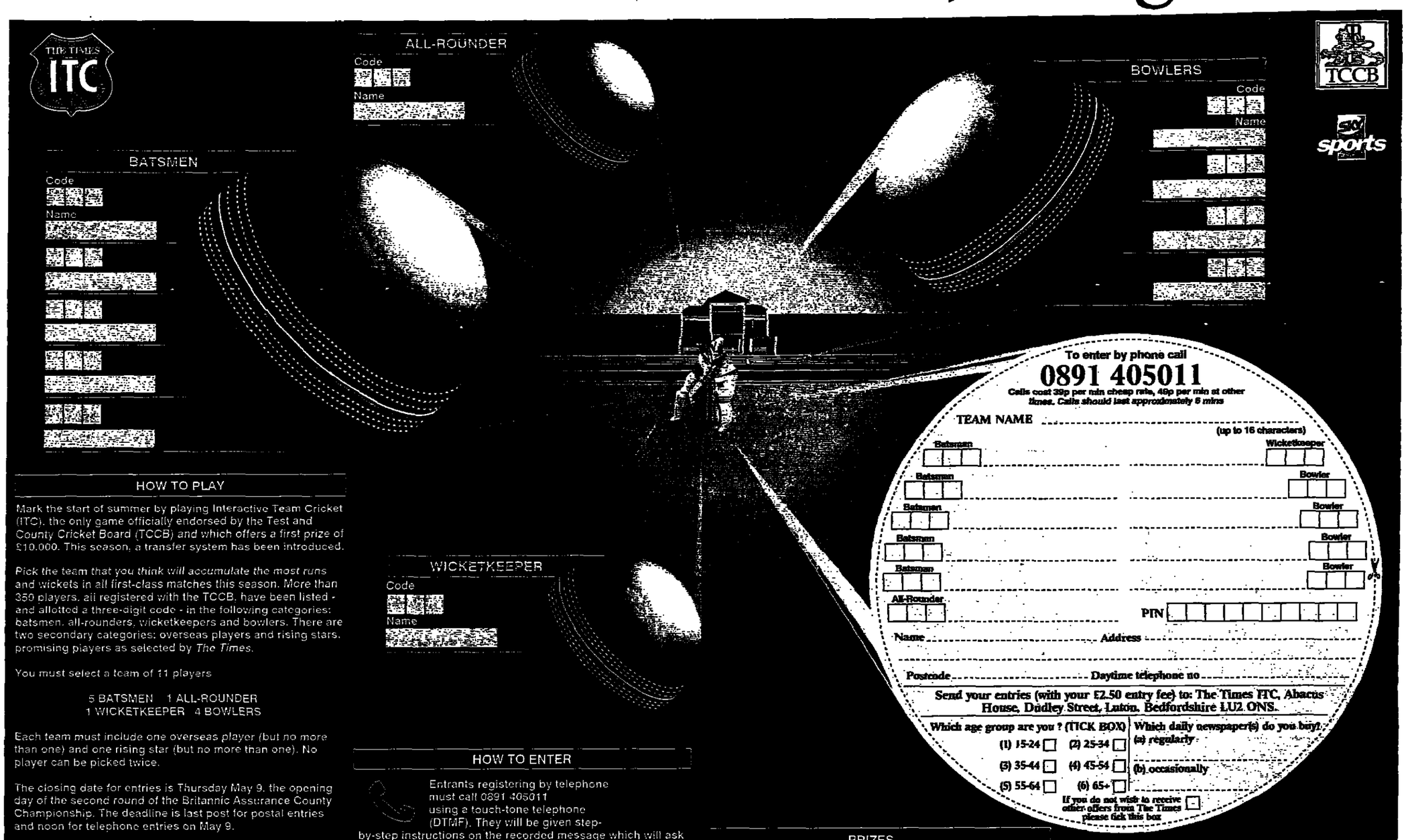
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5 BATSMEN 1 ALL-ROUNDER
1 WICKETKEEPER 4 BOWLERS

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HOW TO ENTER

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BATSMEN

Code	Player (County)	Runs	1995 Wkts	Total pts
001	C J Adams (Derbyshire)	1096	0	1096
002	G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)	1171	6	1291
003	M A Atherton (Lancashire)	1323	0	1323
004	C W J Athey (Sussex)	939	0	939
005	M Azharuddin (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
006	R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)	1038	8	1198
007	K J Barnett (Derbyshire)	1251	16	1571
008	M R Benson (Kent)	702	0	702
009	M G Bevan (Yorkshire — Overseas player)	1598	6	1718
010	D J Bicknell (Surrey)	997	3	1057
011	D A Blenkiron (Durham)	446	0	446
012	P D Bowler (Somerset)	1619	1	1639
013	N E Briers (Leicestershire)	1046	0	1046
014	A D Brown (Surrey)	1054	0	1054
015	D Byas (Yorkshire)	1913	0	1913
016	S L Campbell (Durham — Overseas player)	1225	0	1225
017	J D Carr (Middlesex)	1098	0	1098
018	M J Church (Worcestershire)	126	0	126
019	P A Cottey (Glamorgan)	1485	1	1485
020	G R Cowdrey (Kent)	930	0	930
021	J P Crawley (Lancashire)	1377	0	1377
022	C D Crowe (Leicestershire)	10	0	10
023	R J Cunliffe (Gloucestershire)	412	0	412
024	T S Curtis (Worcestershire)	1221	0	1221
025	J A Daley (Durham)	436	0	436
026	A J Dalton (Glamorgan)	201	0	201
027	R I Dawson (Gloucestershire — Rising star)	355	0	355
028	M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)	548	0	548
029	N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)	602	0	602
030	A Flintoff (Lancashire)	7	0	7
031	A Fordham (Northamptonshire)	1025	1	1045
032	D P Fulton (Kent)	502	0	502
033	J E R Gallian (Lancashire)	1122	16	1442
034	M W Gatting (Middlesex)	1139	0	1139
035	N A Gie (Nottinghamshire)	98	0	98
036	G A Gooch (Essex)	1693	6	1789
037	K Greenfield (Sussex)	853	0	853
038	A Habib (Leicestershire)	174	0	174
039	J W Hall (Sussex)	537	0	537
040	T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)	275	0	275
041	R J Harden (Somerset)	1429	0	1429
042	M E Harvey (Lancashire)	23	0	23
043	A N Hayhurst (Somerset)	825	10	1025
044	G R Haynes (Worcestershire)	737	21	1157
045	D L Hemp (Glamorgan)	872	3	932
046	G A Hick (Worcestershire)	1193	9	1373
047	A J Hollioake (Surrey)	1099	21	1519
048	N Hussain (Essex)	1854	0	1854
049	S Hutton (Durham)	634	0	634
050	Ijaz Ahmed (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
051	Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
052	S P James (Glamorgan)	1011	0	1011
053	P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)	996	0	996
054	D M Jones (Derbyshire — Overseas player)	—	—	—
055	V G Kambli (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
056	M Keech (Hampshire)	100	2	140
057	W S Kendall (Hampshire)	457	0	457
058	G J Kennis (Surrey)	47	0	47
059	W G Khan (Warwickshire)	847	0	847
060	N V Knight (Warwickshire)	887	0	887
061	J S Laney (Hampshire)	470	0	470
062	M N Lathwell (Somerset)	1033	2	1073
063	S G Law (Essex — Overseas player)	397	0	397
064	D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)	993	4	1073
065	N J Lenham (Sussex)	887	1	887
066	J J B Lewis (Essex)	299	0	299
067	N J Liang (Kent)	598	3	598
068	G D Lloyd (Lancashire)	584	0	584
069	J I Longley (Durham)	420	0	420
070	M B Loye (Northamptonshire)	134	0	134
071	M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)	1026	0	1026
072	G I Macmillan (Leicestershire)	817	7	957
073	D L Maddy (Leicestershire)	264	0	264
074	S V Manjrekar (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
075	M P Maynard (Glamorgan)	1590	0	1590
076	A McGrath (Yorkshire — Rising star)	280	0	280
077	A A Metcalfe (Nottinghamshire)	200	0	200
078	A J Moles (Warwickshire)	710	0	710
079	R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)	632	0	632
080	T M Moody (Worcestershire — Overseas player)	1600	5	1700
081	H Morris (Glamorgan)	1574	0	1574
082	J E Morris (Durham)	1297	0	1297
083	R S M Morris (Hampshire)	363	0	363
084	M D Moxon (Yorkshire)	1145	0	1145
085	K Newell (Sussex)	500	0	500
086	T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)	125	0	125
087	D P Ostler (Warwickshire)	983	0	983
088	J E Owen (Derbyshire)	200	0	200
089	K A Parsons (Somerset)	821	0	821
090	T L Penney (Warwickshire)	1198	0	1198
091	P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)	506	0	506
092	J C Pooley (Middlesex)	1335	0	1335
093	P J Prichard (Essex)	1060	0	1060
094	M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	2256	4	2336
095	J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)	550	0	550
096	D J Robinson (Essex — Rising star)	712	0	712
097	P E Robinson (Leicestershire)	99	0	99
098	R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)	1728	0	1728
099	A S Rollins (Derbyshire)	1095	1	1115
100	M A Roseberry (Durham)	889	0	889
101	Saeed Anwar (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
102	O A Shah (Middlesex — Rising star)	—	—	—
103	N Shahid (Surrey)	900	8	1060
104	Salim Malik (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
105	D J Sales (Northamptonshire — Rising star)	—	—	—
106	N S Sidhu (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
107	P V Simmons (Leicester — Overseas player)	261	1	281
108	A Singh (Warwickshire/Oxf U — Rising star)	12	0	12
109	B F Smith (Leicestershire)	802	1	822
110	R A Smith (Hampshire)	1117	0	1117
111	N J Speak (Lancashire)	919	0	919
112	M P Speight (Sussex)	0	0	0
113	A J Stewart (Surrey)	647	0	647
114	I J Sutcliffe (Leicestershire)	847	0	847
115	A Symonds (Gloucestershire)	1439	1	1459
116	N R Taylor (Kent)	421	0	421
117	S R Tendulkar (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
118	V P Terry (Hampshire)	1012	0	1012
119	G P Thorpe (Surrey)	1223	2	1263
120	S P Titchard (Lancashire)	697	0	697
121	M E Trescothick (Somerset)	417	5	517
122	T A Tweats (Derbyshire)	308	0	308
123	M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)	1244	22	1684
124	M J Walker (Kent — Rising star)	162	0	162
125	T C Walton (Northamptonshire)	104	0	104
126	D M Ward (Surrey)	66	0	66
127	T R Ward (Kent)	932	0	932
128	A P Wells (Sussex)	1524	0	1524
129	R M S Weston (Durham)	115	0	115
130	W P C Weston (Worcestershire)	1207	0	1207
131	G W White (Hampshire)	554	0	554
132	J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)	1055	0	1055
133	P R Whitaker (Hampshire — Rising star)	624	1	644
134	M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)	313	2	353
135	A J Wright (Gloucestershire)	1401	0	1401

ALL-ROUNDERS

Code	Player (County)	Runs	1995 Wkts	Total pts
150	Aamir Sohail (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
151	M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)	1007	29	1587
152	I D Austin (Lancashire)	412	35	1112
153	P Bainbridge (Durham)	4	1	24
154	D R Brown (Warwickshire — Rising star)	506	37	1246
155	M A Butcher (Surrey)	1210	22	1650
156	C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire — Overseas player)	171	52	2211
157	D J Capel (Northamptonshire)	926	51	1946
158	D G Cork (Derbyshire)	589	90	2389
159	R D B Croft (Glamorgan)	716	68	2076
160	K M Curran (Northamptonshire)	863	37	1603
161	A Dale (Glamorgan)	622	9	802
162	P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)	474	60	1674
163	V C Drakes (Sussex — Overseas player)	118	16	438
164	M A Ealham (Kent)	891	30	1491
165	S C Ecclestone (Somerset — Rising star)	472	11	692
166	K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)	260	14	540
167	M A Feltham (Middlesex)	115	29	695
168	M V Fleming (Kent)	447	8	567
169	A P Grayson (Essex)	235	2	275
170	O D Gibson (Glamorgan — Overseas player)	303	31	923
171	P A Griffith (Derbyshire)	240	17	580
172	C L Hooper (Kent — Overseas player)	1063	17	1403
173	R C Irani (Essex)	1165	27	1705
174	A D Jadeja (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
175	K D James (Hampshire)	341	19	721
176	B P Julian (Surrey — Overseas player)	—	—	—
177	J H Kallis (South Africa A — Overseas player)	—	—	—
178	S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)	488	55	1588
179	S Lee (Somerset — Overseas player)	—	—	—
180	C C Lewis (Surrey)	0	0	0
181	G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)	143	7	263
182	A C Morris (Yorkshire — Rising star)	1	0	1
183	Mushtaq Ahmed (Pakistan — Overseas player)	311	95	2211
184	D J Nash (Middlesex — Overseas player)	433	52	1473
185	A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)	115	4	195
186	S M Pollock (Warwickshire — Overseas player)	—	—	—
187	D A Reeve (Warwickshire)	652	38	1412
188	G D Rose (Somerset)	771	39	1551
189	V S Solanki (Worcestershire)	150	0	150
190	A W Smith (Surrey)	272	10	472
191	N M K Smith (Warwickshire)	486	39	1266
192	P A Smith (Warwickshire)	124	4	204
193	J N Snape (Northamptonshire)	361	19	741
194	J P Stephenson (Hampshire)	892	36	1612
195	C M Tolley (Nottinghamshire)	62	0	62
196	Wasim Akram (Pakistan — Overseas player)	423	81	2043
197	M Watkinson (Lancashire)	887	65	2187
198	G Welch (Warwickshire)	2	2	42
199	C M Wells (Derbyshire)	976	10	1176
200	V J Wells (Leicestershire)	654	19	1034
201	P N Weekes (Middlesex)	995	13	1255
202	C White (Yorkshire)	874	25	1374
203	J R Wileman (Nottinghamshire)	230	4	310

WICKETKEEPERS

Code	Player (County)	Runs	1995 Wkts	Total pts
225	A N Aymes (Hampshire)	720	55	1840
226	R J Blakey (Yorkshire)	398	63	1658
227	K R Brown (Middlesex)	970	53	2010
228	M Burns (Warwickshire)	78	10	278
229	S P Griffiths (Derbyshire)	75	14	355
230	W K Hegg (Lancashire)	669	62	1909
231	P C L Holloway (Somerset)	863	9	1043
232	G J Kersey (Surrey)	708	65	2008
233	J A Knott (Surrey)	0	1	20
234	K M Krikken (Derbyshire)	288	43	1148
235	D G C Lighterwood (Durham — Rising star)	303	36	1023
236	S A Marsh (Kent)	688	34	1368
237	C P Metson (Glamorgan)	253	54	1333
238	P Moores (Sussex)	660	45	1560
239	N R Mongia (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
240	P A Nixon (Leicestershire)	461	48	1421
241	W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)	745	37	1485
242	K J Piper (Warwickshire)	328	61	1618
243	Rashid Latif (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
244	S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)	1018	58	2178
245	D Ripley (Northamptonshire)	90	9	270
246	R J Rollins (Essex)	809	62	2249
247	R C Russell (Gloucestershire)	977	52	2017
248	N F Sargeant (Surrey)	8	11	228
249	C W Scott (Durham)	311	18	671
250	A D Shaw (Glamorgan — Rising star)	20	5	120
251	R J Turner (Somerset)	717	64	1997
252	L N Walker (Nottinghamshire)	42	3	102
253	R J Warren (Northamptonshire)	914	28	1474
254	P Whitticase (Leicestershire)	150	8	310
255	R C J Williams (Gloucestershire)	223	24	703
256	S C Willis (Kent)	153	10	353

BOWLERS

Code	Player (County)	Runs	1995 Wkts	Total pts
275	P R Adams (South Africa A — Overseas player)	—	—	—
276	J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)	57	21	477
277	U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)	134	5	234
278	P Aldred (Derbyshire)	97	15	397
279	C E L Ambrose (Northampton — O'seas player)	147	25	647
280	S J W Andrew (Essex)	7	1	27
281	Aqib Javed (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
282	M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)	417	42	1257
283	S R Barwick (Glamorgan)	19	14	299
284	S J Base (Derbyshire)	17	1	37
285	R T Bates (Nottinghamshire)	50	10	250
286	J D Batty (Somerset)	125	7	265
287	M A V Bell (Warwickshire)	0	7	140
288	J E Benjamin (Surrey)	174	53	1234
289	W K M Benjamin (Hampshire — O'seas player)	11	1	31
290	M M Betts (Durham)	55	17	395
291	M P Bicknell (Surrey)	213	41	1033
292	S D Birbeck (Durham)	106	4	186
293	D J P Boden (Gloucestershire)	2	7	146
294	J Boiling (Durham)	312	27	855
295	J N B Bovill (Hampshire)	90	30	690
296	M T Brimson (Leicestershire)	40	12	280
297	J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)	5	1	25
298	S J E Brown (Durham)	278	57	1418
299	A R Caddick (Somerset)	237	24	717
300	R J Chapman (Nottinghamshire)	78	11	298
301	G Chapple (Lancashire)	232	36	1012
302	J H Childs (Essex)	113	68	1473
303	V P Clarke (Leicestershire)	55	5	155
304	C A Connor (Hampshire)	336	57	1476
305	K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)	36	13	296
306	D M Cousins (Essex)	121	12	361
307	A P Cowan (Essex)	47	1	67
308	D M Cox (Durham — Rising star)	23	11	243
309	R P Davis (Gloucestershire)	79	15	379
310	J M De La Pena (Surrey)	2	6	122
311	N A Derbyshire (Lancashire)	47	2	87
312	R R Dibden (Hampshire)	0	8	120
313	M Dimond (Somerset)	33	1	53
314	A D Edwards (Sussex)	38	3	98
315	S W K Ellis (Worcestershire)	0	5	100
316	S Elworthy (Lancashire — Overseas player)	—	—	—
317	A R C Fraser (Middlesex)	95	56	1216
318	E S H Giddins (Sussex)	137	68	1497
319	A F Giles (Warwickshire)	84	16	404
320	D Gough (Yorkshire)	332	51	1352
321	R J Green (Lancashire)	1	3	61
322	J C Hallett (Somerset)	229	2	269
323	G M Hamilton (Yorkshire)	59	7	199
324	A J Harris (Derbyshire)	47	14	327
325	P J Hartley (Yorkshire)	256	81	1876
326	D W Headley (Kent)	253	44	1133*
327	J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire — Rising star)	309	65	1609
328	J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)	32	7	172
329	A P Igglesden (Kent)	62	21	482
330	R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)	160	45	1060
331	M C Ilott (Essex)	350	78	1910
332	P W Jarvis (Sussex)	177	26	697
333	R L Johnson (Middlesex)	164	40	964
334	G Keedy (Lancashire — Rising star)	73	37	613
335	N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)	291	27	831
336	S G Kenlock (Surrey)	50	8	210
337	J I D Kerr (Somerset)	349	28	909
338	A A Khan (Middlesex)	0	8	160
339	N Killeen (Durham)	137	17	477
340	R J Kirtley (Sussex)	3	3	43
341	A Kumble (India — Overseas player)	321	105	2421
342	R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)	55	6	175
343	J Lewis (Gloucestershire)	3	12	243
344	J D Lewry (Sussex)	150	47	1090
345	M J McCague (Kent)	344	50	1344
346	D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	125	55	1425
347	N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)	131	17	461
348	P J Martin (Lancashire)	300	35	1000
349	R S C Martin-Jenkins (Sussex — Rising star)	50	0	50
350	R J Maru (Hampshire)	8	9	188
351	S M Mitburn (Hampshire)	15	10	215
352	D J Millns (Leicestershire)	307	19	687
353	A D Mullally (Leicestershire)	150	59	1330
354	T A Munton (Warwickshire)	66	48	1056
355	P J Newport (Worcestershire)	404	69	1784
356	R W Nowell (Surrey)	134	32	774
357	J Ormond (Leicestershire)	0	2	40
358	G J Parsons (Leicestershire)	501	53	1561
359	M M Patel (Kent)	376	66	1696
360	R M Pearson (Surrey)	27	7	167
361	D S Pennett (Nottinghamshire)	89	10	289
362	N C Phillips (Sussex — Rising star)	183	10	383
363	R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)	395	51	1415
364	A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)	392	69	1772
365	A C S Pigott (Surrey)	76	22	516
366	V J Pike (Gloucestershire)	42	11	282
367	S L V Raju (India — Overseas player)	—	—	—
368	A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)	21	0	21
369	M A Robinson (Northamptonshire)	75	46	996
370	I D K Salisbury (Sussex)	539	54	1679
371	Saqlain Mushtaq (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
372	B N Schultz (South Africa A — Overseas player)	—	—	—
373	J P Searle (Durham)	3	2	43
374	D J Shadford (Lancashire)	1	3	61
375	K P Sheeraz (Gloucestershire)	8	24	488
376	A Sheriyar (Worcestershire)	59	29	639
377	K J Shine (Somerset)	6	7	146
378	C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire — Rising star)	106	18	466
379	G C Small (Warwickshire)	72	17	412
380	A M Smith (Gloucestershire)	37	59	1217
381	D J Spencer (Kent — Rising star)	—	—	—
382	J Srinath (India — Overseas player)	314	67	2054
383	E J Stanford (Kent)	4	3	64
384	R D Stemp (Yorkshire)	179	42	1019
385	P M Such (Essex)	214	77	1754
386	J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)	294	59	1454
387	S D Thomas (Glamorgan)	334	28	891
388	J B de C Thompson (Kent)	83	6	203
389	M J Thursfield (Hampshire)	46	4	126
390	R J Trump (Somerset)	207	40	1007
391	A J Tudor (Surrey — Rising star)	123	14	403
392	P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)	65	74	1545
393	S D Udal (Hampshire)	512	55	1612
394	A P van Troost (Somerset)	82	16	402
395	C A Walsh (Gloucestershire — Overseas player)	111	39	891
396	A Walker (Durham)	102	21	722
397	A E Warner (Derbyshire)	265	39	1045
398	S L Watkin (Glamorgan)	174	65	1474
399	Waqar Younis (Pakistan — Overseas player)	—	—	—
400	N F Williams (Essex)	90	21	510
401	J Wood (Durham)	86	14	366
402	T R Wren (Kent)	60	23	520
403	G Yates (Lancashire)	162	11	382
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Leicestershire offer little resistance

Lancashire take full advantage of hosts' generosity

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Leicestershire by eight wickets

THIS was a more competitive game than it promised to be at its midway point, largely because Leicestershire belatedly brought their hearts and minds into play. By then, however, they had batted so witlessly that even the rapid loss of both opening batsmen failed to inconvenience Lancashire beyond a delay in their homeward journey.

Victory was claimed by a closed, professional third-wicket partnership of 169 between Nick Speak and Neil Fairbrother that ought to have been an object lesson to Leicestershire, whose batting had been as generous as the grass covering on the Grace Road pitch. Their last six wickets fell for 34 runs in ten overs, every one of them to careless strokes.

Lancashire, the holders, proceed to the quarter-finals on May 28 but must win their final group game, against Warwickshire next Tuesday, to secure a home draw.

In the early overs of each innings, Lancashire looked alarmingly vulnerable. Having left out Glen Chapple on the rotation system they are at present applying to their wealth of seam bowlers, they served up an assortment of the short, wide and ugly that ought to have granted Leicestershire a flier.

Peter Martin was particularly guilty and Jon Dakin, an imposing left-hander, struck four short balls to the boundary in his second over. His appetite, however, was greater than his application, something that could later be said of several of his colleagues, and his casual carve to slip was symptomatic of the innings.

When Steve Elworthy introduced himself with a long hop, cut for four by Ben Smith, the omission of Chapple began to seem a grave mistake. But the South African is an honest cricketer capable of penetrating aggression. The last ball of his first over hurried Wells into playing on; the first ball of his next was such a beauty, cutting back off the seam, that Smith did well to make contact with a thin inside edge.

Phil Simmons, surprisingly not opening in the first match of his second spell at Leicester, was a third victim of Elworthy, his leading edge suggestive of a man still mentally on quicker pitches in the Caribbean, but the next hour contained the most attractive batting of the match as James Whitaker and Darren Maddy added 59 in 13 overs.

Maddy, a confident 21-year-old, was striding productively down the pitch against Martin before losing his head and his wicket against a wide one to provoke the collapse. Whitaker lapsed to his cost against Watkinson and the downfall of the tail, failing to see out more than 44 overs, is worthy of a merciful veil and an embarrassed silence.

Leicestershire cannot be discounted from any game, however, while Alan Mullally and David Millns are fit and firing. On Monday they dismissed Derbyshire for 89, sharing the wickets between them. Here, they reduced Lancashire to eight for two, Mullally having Gallian caught at second slip and Millns gaining a leg-before decision against Atherton to which he reacted with glee. Whitaker had little option but to keep his two strike bowlers operating but further wickets would not come.

Speak, included only because of John Crawley's bruised thigh, batted with great assurance and Fairbrother, troubled earlier by his recurrent hamstring problem, with growing command. It was eventually straightforward, but Leicestershire will know it should not have been.

JULIAN HERBERT



Fairbrother, of Lancashire, carves the ball away during his unbeaten 77 yesterday

Late recovery spares Somerset's blushes

BRITISH Universities, taking encouragement from an impressive innings of 123 from Anurag Singh, who is a real find for Warwickshire, gave Somerset a nasty fright in yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup game at Taunton (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

With Singh, 20, hitting a six and 13 fours from the 137 balls he received, Universities looked set for a score of around 300 until checked by Andrew Caddick, who took five for 51.

Needing 272 to keep alive their hopes of a quarter-final place, Somerset were in trouble at 209 for seven before being rescued by an unbroken partnership between Robert Turner and Keith Parsons, that got them home with seven balls to spare.

The inexperienced Middlesex attack was torn apart by Matthew Maynard at Lord's, where the Glamorgan captain hit six sixes and 11 fours in striking 151 not out in his side's six-wicket victory.

Robert Cunliffe's second unbeaten century in the competition this season was the highlight of Gloucestershire's routine victory over Ireland in Dublin, while another promising young player, Chris Silverwood, of Yorkshire, produced a telling new-ball burst that set up a 128-run victory over Scotland at Headingley. He claimed four for 11 in 16 deliveries on his way to a return of five for 28.

Sherwin Campbell, the West Indies opening batsman, spent 90 minutes making 27 on his Durham debut but could afford to take his time for only 158 were required to beat Minor Counties at Chester-le-Street.

Brown batters frail Sussex

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Sussex by nine wickets

THIS was an absurdly straightforward victory, brought about as much by the lack of self-belief within the Sussex upper order as the strokeplay of Alistair Brown, who made his first century in the Benson and Hedges Cup (Ivo Tennant writes). He and his captain, Alec Stewart, put on 151 for the second wicket to enable Surrey to win by nine wickets. It was not a margin that flattered them.

This was Surrey's third victory, enough, almost certainly, to take them into the quarter-finals. There was not much doubt that they would achieve it, or once Brown was into double figures, that their batting would be fun to watch. Drakes was viciously pulled for six over square leg and Phillips, the off spinner, driven and swung for four more. Brown's unbeaten 117 came off 105 balls, included 11 fours and inevitably won him the gold award.

Sussex, who won the toss, lost their first six wickets for 76. There was nothing wrong with the pitch. Nobody in the Surrey side bowled more keenly or cajoled his fellow fielders as often as Lewis. He had the England coach to impress — David Lloyd was on the ground — to say nothing of a new county and the television cameras. He took the opportunity, bowling Speight and having Greenfield caught at the wicket fencing at one that lifted outside off stump.

After 15 overs, Sussex had laboured to 38 for three. The manner in which Julian ran out Athey with a flicked throw in his follow-through epitomised Surrey's exuberance. The racket they made was thoroughly irksome, but their catching and ground fielding were captivating. Thorpe took a sharp catch at slip to account for Law and Julian judged one nicely at deep mid-wicket to remove Drakes.

Wells's 69, made with eight fours and two sixes, was riches indeed in the context of the innings. After he was out, bowled by a full-length ball from Pearson, Surrey's newly-recruited off spinner, that he looked to put beyond the reach of cover, Jarvis batted as if realising, at last, that he is an all-rounder in the making. He struck 38 off 19 balls, including, in sequence from Pearson's final over, 6 (broken window), 4, 4, 6 and, inevitably, out.

Captain's role spurs Bailey to century

BY SIMON WILDE

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Nottinghamshire by six wickets

NORTHAMPTON'S County Ground, renowned for its grim charm, was almost unrecognisable yesterday on its first appearance of the season. All trace of the football ground has gone, the pitch was excellent (possessing rare pace and bounce) and the home team unveiled Curtly Ambrose with a resounding win. Neither of the latter are usually sighted so soon after Easter.

Ambrose arrived on Sunday and, much to Steven Coverdale's relief, on time. After passing a fitness test on a sore knee, he bowled within himself but well enough to see to it that Nottinghamshire dragged their heels badly out of the blocks. Their score of 232 for nine, built on a stand of 95 in 22 overs between Pollard and Metcalfe, both of whom made half-centuries, was well below par.

Although Pick briefly brought them back into the game with two quick wickets, they were soon battered into submission by the blades of Bailey and Curran. It was a day for strokemakers and this pair made plenty of them during a stand of 119 in 23 overs. Curran scored 50, Bailey 115 not out from 143 balls, his first century as Northamptonshire's new captain. On this reckoning, he will not live long in Lamb's shadow.

The result put Northamptonshire into the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup for only the second time in five seasons, testimony to their perennial problem of being slow starters. All that remains to be decided is whether they or Yorkshire, whom they meet next Tuesday, finish top of group B and receive a home tie.

Although Ambrose was most economical, the winners had Taylor to thank for the wickets. He finished with figures of five for 45, his best in one-day cricket, and took his tally of victims this season to 18 in five matches. There was also a typically frugal contribution from Emburey.

Faltering Kent owe victory to final pair

BY PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Essex by one wicket

MIN PATEL, whose left-arm spin had been savaged for 34 in four overs, gained ample revenge by hitting four and two off successive balls yesterday to give Kent, beaten finalists in last year's Benson and Hedges Cup, their fourth consecutive victory in this season's competition, with two balls to spare.

Such a climax was totally unexpected. Kent seemed to have done the hard work by containing Essex to 275 for six, but with 54 needed off 12 overs and six wickets in hand, panic set in.

In the end, they needed eight off the final over with their last pair together and it seemed a strange decision by Prichard, the Essex captain, to entrust it to Law, who had already gone for 58 runs in eight overs. He conceded a single to Thompson with his second ball, bowled a wide and then allowed Patel to slice a four and cut a two to win the match.

Patel raced off in jubilation but Kent's real heroes were Thompson, whose opening spell off two for 26 won him the gold award, and Hooper, who ran him close with two for 26 and a fluent 45.

It has been a good season so far for Thompson, the doctor who sprang to fame last season by dismissing Brian Lara for a pair. He had already claimed the scalps of two England captains, Gatting and Atherton, with his outswing and yesterday he did for a third, Gooch, caught behind when he was ready to cut loose.

Thompson also bowled Prichard, leaving Hussain to rebuild the Essex innings in partnerships of 66 with Law and 86 with Irani. Hussain had made 82 off 116 balls, with a six and six fours, when he was bowled by Hooper.

Fleming launched Kent's reply in his usual forthright manner but it was Ward, more sedate than usual with 51 off 89 balls, and Hooper, who hit a six and four fours, who appeared to have made victory a formality until the middle order lost its way.

SCOREBOARDS

Benson and Hedges Cup

Durham v Minor Counties

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Minor Counties won toss): Durham (2pts) beat Minor Counties by five wickets

MINOR COUNTIES

*S J Dean b Brown	8
R J Evans c Scott b Betts	12
K Sharp b Botling	18
G T J Townsend low b Botling	2
J P J Sylvester c Morris b Bainbridge	30
S V Laudat c Roseberry b Collingwood	15
†J N Batty c Scott b Collingwood	7
M G Powell c Campbell b Collingwood	11
M J Marvell c and b Betts	14
M J Saggers not out	8
M A Sharp c Scott b Foster	1
Extras (lb 12, w 15, nb 4)	31
Total (48.2 overs)	157

Score after 15 overs: 50-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-24, 3-32, 4-61, 5-109, 6-115, 7-118, 8-131, 9-156.

BOWLING: Brown 10-4-16-1; Betts 9.2-35-2; Botling 8-0-22-2; Foster 9.2-0-28-1; Collingwood 10-1-28-3; Bainbridge 2-0-15-1.

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry c Batty b Saggers	0
S L Campbell c Batty b Saggers	27
J E Morris c Evans b Laudat	27
P D Collingwood run out	5
P Bainbridge c M A Sharp b Marvell	39
J I Longley not out	38
M J Foster not out	12
Extras (lb 5, w 5)	10
Total (5 wkts, 40.3 overs)	158

Score after 15 overs: 61-3

†C W Scott, J Botling, S J E Brown and M M Betts did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-48, 3-53, 4-91, 5-139

BOWLING: Saggers 10-0-49-2; M A Sharp 9-4-24-0; Laudat 8-0-30-1, Powell 7.3-0-29-0; Marvell 6-0-21-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

Gold Award: J I Longley

Essex v Kent

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Essex by one wicket

ESSEX

G A Gooch c Marsh b Thompson	12
*P J Prichard b Thompson	24
N Hussain b Hooper	82
S G Law c Fleming b Hooper	33
R C Irani c Marsh b McCague	43
D D J Robinson not out	12
A P Grayson run out	0
†R J Rollins not out	10
Extras (lb 7, w 2)	9
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	225

Score at 15 overs: 40-2

M C Ilott, P M Such and A P Cowan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-36, 3-102, 4-186, 5-205, 6-224.

BOWLING: McCague 8-1-35-1; Thompson 10-2-26-2; Fleming 10-0-44-0; Patel 4-0-34-0; Hooper 10-0-36-2; Earlham 8-0-43-0

KENT

T R Ward b Such	51
M V Fleming c Rollins b Ilott	22
C L Hooper c Irani b Cowan	45
G R Cowdrey c Rollins b Ilott	31
M J Walker low b Grayson	33
M A Earlham c Hussain b Ilott	8
N J Llong low b Grayson	0
*†S A Marsh b Grayson	17
M J McCague run out	1
J B D Thompson not out	4
M M Patel not out	6
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 2)	10
Total (8 wkts, 49.4 overs)	226

Score at 15 overs: 72-1

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-85, 3-143, 4-162, 5-172, 6-173, 7-207, 8-214, 9-218

BOWLING: Ilott 10-3-32-3; Law 8.4-0-66-0; Cowan 9-0-38-1, Such 10-0-33-1; Irani 3-0-20-0, Grayson 9-1-30-3

Umpires: J W Holder and J H Harris

Gold Award: J B D Thompson

Ireland v Gloucestershire

DUBLIN (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Ireland by 168 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright run out	123
R I Dawson c Doak b Patterson	5
R J Cunliffe not out	116
A Symonds b Patterson	9
T H C Hancock not out	20
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 13, nb 8)	35
Total (3 wkts, 50 overs)	308

Score at 15 overs: 63-1

M W Alleyne, *†R C Russell, R P Davis, A M Smith, J Lewis and K E Cooper did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-247, 3-257.

BOWLING: Patterson 10-0-55-2; McCrum 10-0-63-0; Moore 2-0-11-0; Gillespie 5-0-17-0; Harrison 9-0-42-0; Benson 7-0-47-0; Doak 3-0-20-0; Lewis 4-0-39-0

IRELAND

S J S Warke low b Cooper	0
G D Harrison low b Smith	5
D Moore c and b Smith	10
*D A Lewis c and b Alleyne	61
J D R Benson run out	29
A R Dunlop low b Lewis	0
N G Doak c Russell b Lewis	1
P G Gillespie low b Smith	0
P McCrum b Lewis	0
†A T Rutherford st Russell b Davis	10
M W Patterson not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (40.1 overs)	140

Score at 15 overs: 37-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-16, 3-29, 4-71, 5-71, 6-75, 7-85, 8-86, 9-132

BOWLING: Cooper 10-1-26-1, Smith 10-3-23-3; Lewis 10-1-31-3; Davis 5 1-0-20-1, Alleyne 5-0-30-1

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp

Gold Award: A J Wright

Leicestershire v Lancashire

LEICESTER (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Leicestershire by eight wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells b Elworthy	18
J M Dakin c Fairbrother b Martin	20
B F Smith c Hegg b Elworthy	11
P V Simmons c Martin b Elworthy	11
*J J Whitaker low b Watkinson	45
D L Maddy c Hegg b Martin	31
†P A Nixon c and b Watkinson	12
G J Parsons c Austin b Watkinson	8
D J Millns b Austin	1
A R K Pierson not out	2
A D Mullally b Martin	5
Extras (lb 6, w 6)	12
Total (44 overs)	176

Score after 15 overs: 56-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-49, 3-52, 4-83, 5-142, 6-144, 7-165, 8-167, 9-170

BOWLING: Martin 9-1-43-3; Austin 8-1-28-1; Elworthy 7-0-30-3; Yates 10-3-30-0; Watkinson 10-1-41-3

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Simmons b Mullally	0
M A Atherton low b Millns	79
N J Speak not out	77
N H Fairbrother not out	17
Extras (lb 6, w 9, nb 2)	17
Total (2 wkts, 45 overs)	177

Score after 15 overs: 37-2

G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, *M Watkinson, I D Austin, S Elworthy, P J Martin and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8

BOWLING: Mullally 10-2-17-1, Millns 10-2-28-1, Parsons 10-0-37-0; Pierson 9-0-57-0, Simmons 3-0-13-0; Maddy 1-0-11-0, Wells 2-0-10-0

Umpires: B J Meyer and M J Kitchen

Gold award: N J Speak

Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes low b Watkin	37
J C Hamson run out	24
*M W Gatting c Metson b Dale	45
J C Pooley c Morris b Dale	50
J D Carr c Metson b Dale	22
†K R Brown c James b Dale	18
P E Wallings not out	13
R L Johnson c Cottey b Dale	14
A R C Fraser run out	9
R A Fay low b Barwick	1
Extras (lb 14, w 12, nb 4)	30
Total (49.2 overs)	263

Score at 15 overs: 68-0

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-93, 3-162, 4-192, 5-205, 6-235, 7-241, 8-254, 9-262.

BOWLING: Gibson 8-1-37-0; Watkin 10-1-40-1; Thomas 6-1-35-0; Barwick 9.2-0-40-1, Croft 9-0-58-1, Dale 7-0-41-5

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Brown b Fraser	11
H Morris c Wallings b Fay	12
A Dale c Gatting b Wallings	42
*M P Maynard not out	151
P A Cottey c Johnson b Weekes	29
R D B Croft not out	9
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 5)	11
Total (4 wkts, 48.5 overs)	265

Score at 15 overs: 44-2

O D Gibson, S D Thomas, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-25, 3-162, 4-243

BOWLING: Fraser 10-2-30-1, Fay 10-1-43-1; Johnson 10-1-63-0; Dutch 5-0-33-0; Weekes 8-0-48-1, Wellings 5 5-0-45-1

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer

Gold award: M P Maynard

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Nottinghamshire by six wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

R T Robinson c Warren b Taylor	1
C M Tolley low b Taylor	3
P R Pollard c Emburey b Penberthy	79
*P Johnson c Montgomerie b Ambrose	4
A A Metcalfe c Loye b Penberthy	58
C L Cairns c Fordham b Taylor	21
†W M Noon c Montgomerie b Penberthy	10
R T Bates b Taylor	18
R A Pick b Taylor	7
D B Pennett not out	4
J A Afford not out	1
Extras (lb 1, lb 12 w 11, nb 2)	26
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	232

Score at 15 overs: 64-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-13, 3-46, 4-141, 5-183, 6-184, 7-202, 8-227, 9-228.

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-0-32-1; Taylor 9-2-45-5, Penberthy 10-1-38-3; Curran 10-0-53-0, Emburey 10-0-42-0; Bailey 1-0-9-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Capel c Noon b Pick	14
A Fordham b Pick	2
*R J Bailey not out	115
M B Loye low b Bates	24
†M Curran c Pennett b Cairns	50
†R J Warren not out	14
Extras (lb 11, w 2, nb 4)	17
Total (4 wkts, 48 overs)	236

Score at 15 overs: 73-2

A L Penberthy, J E Emburey, J P Taylor, C E L Ambrose and R R Montgomerie did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-32, 3-91, 4-210

BOWLING: Cairns 10-0-50-1, Pick 9-1-29-2; Pennett 9-1-49-0; Afford 8-0-33-0 Bates 7-0-48-1, Tolley 5-0-16-0

Umpires: V A Holder and D A Shepherd

Gold award: R J Bailey

Somerset v British Universities

TAUNTON (British Universities won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat British Universities by three wickets

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

G A Khan low b Caddick	26
A C Radley run out	35
A Singh c Parsons b Lee	123
†R D Cake c Parsons b Lee	24
C M Gupte c and b Rose	21
M A Wagh b Caddick	6
K Mare b Caddick	0
S W K Ellis b Lee	4
M R Evans not out	8
S A J Boswell low b Caddick	1
†J Bahl b Caddick	0
Extras (lb 14, w 8, nb 2)	24
Total (49 overs)	271

Score at 15 overs: 94-1

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-98, 3-171, 4-213, 5-239, 6-241, 7-253, 8-263 9-271

BOWLING: Caddick 10-1-51-5; Rose 10-1-39-1, Lee 9-0-60-3; Trump 10-0-44-0; Hayhurst 3-0-26-0; Parsons 7-0-37-0.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Bahl b Marc	76
P D Bowler b Boswell	2
*S C Ecclestone c Marc b Wagh	62
R J Harden run out	0
S Lee run out	23
*†A N Hayhurst low b Ellis	25
†R J Turner not out	39
G D Rose low b Evans	1
K A Parsons not out	33
Extras (lb 1, w 8, nb 2)	11
Total (7 wkts, 48.5 overs)	272

Score at 15 overs: 79-1

A R Caddick and H R J Trump did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-143, 3-143, 4-162, 5-177, 6-206, 7-206

BOWLING: Boswell 9.5-0-61-1; Marc 10-0-54-1, Ellis 9-0-50-1, Evans 8-0-55-1; Wagh 10-1-41-1; Ridley 2-0-10-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and T E Jesty

Gold award: A Singh

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Sussex by nine wickets

SUSSEX

C W J Athey run out	18
M P Speight b Lewis	4
K Greenfield c Stewart b Lewis	0
*A P Wells b Pearson	69
K Newell low b Julian	4
†P Moores c D J Bicknell b Julian	17
D R C Law c Thorpe b Julian	0
V C Drakes c Julian b Pearson	26
M C Philips c Ward b Lewis	10
P W Jarvis c Brown b Pearson	38
J D Lewry not out	8
Extras (lb 7, w 7, nb 4)	18
Total (49.5 overs)	208

Score at 15 overs: 38-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-15, 3-38, 4-43, 5-72, 6-76, 7-144, 8-161, 9-162.

BOWLING: Lewis 10-2-29-3, M P Bicknell 8-1-33-0; Julian 10-3-28-3; Hollioake 7-0-26-0; *Pearson 9 5-0-80-3; Butcher 5-0-25-0*

SURREY

D M Ward c Athey b Jarvis	17
A D Brown not out	117
*†A J Stewart not out	61
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 3, nb 2)	14
Total (1 wkt, 36.1 overs)	209

Score at 15 overs: 71-1

G P Thorpe, A J Hollioake, D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, C C Lewis, B P Julian, M P Bicknell and R M Pearson did not bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-58.

BOWLING: Drakes 8-1-36-0, Lewry 6-0-22-0; Jarvis 10-1-42-1; Philips 5-0-49-0; Law 8-0-32-0; Newell 3.1-0-19-0

Umpires: A Clarkson and R Julian

Gold Award: A D Brown

Yorkshire v Scotland

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (2pts) beat Scotland by 128 runs

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Reifer b Blain	40
M D Moxon c Tennant b Williamson	0
M P Vaughan c Salmond b Tennant	50
M G Bevan c Gourlay b Williamson	75
A McGrath c Davies b Reifer	4
C White c Davies b Reifer	4
†R J Blakey c and b Tennant	11
D Gough not out	48
P J Hartley not out	17
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 10)	21
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	270

Score after 15 overs: 78-1

C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-86, 3-120, 4-137, 5-151, 6-170, 7-228

BOWLING: Williamson 9-1-54-2; Stanger 6-0-62-0, Gourlay 10-0-39-0, Blain 6-0-37-1, Tennant 10-1-29-2, Reifer 9-0-44-2

SCOTLAND

I L Philip c Blakey b Silverwood	3
M J Smith b Silverwood	11
J G Williamson b Silverwood	2
G N Reifer low b Silverwood	2
*G Salmond c Moxon b Stemp	26
†A G Davies b White	15
M J D Allingham b Vaughan	30
S Gourlay low b McGrath	18
I M Stanger b McGrath	13
J A R Blain b Silverwood	4
A M Tennant not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 4)	16
Total (41.4 overs)	142

Score after 15 overs: 52-4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-15, 3-20, 4-31, 5-64, 6-78, 7-117, 8-131 9-140

BOWLING: Gough 7-0-22-0, Silverwood 7 4-0-28-5 Hartley 5-1-9-0, White 5-0-17-1, Stemp 10-2-28-1; Vaughan 5-1-22-1; McGrath 2-0-10-2

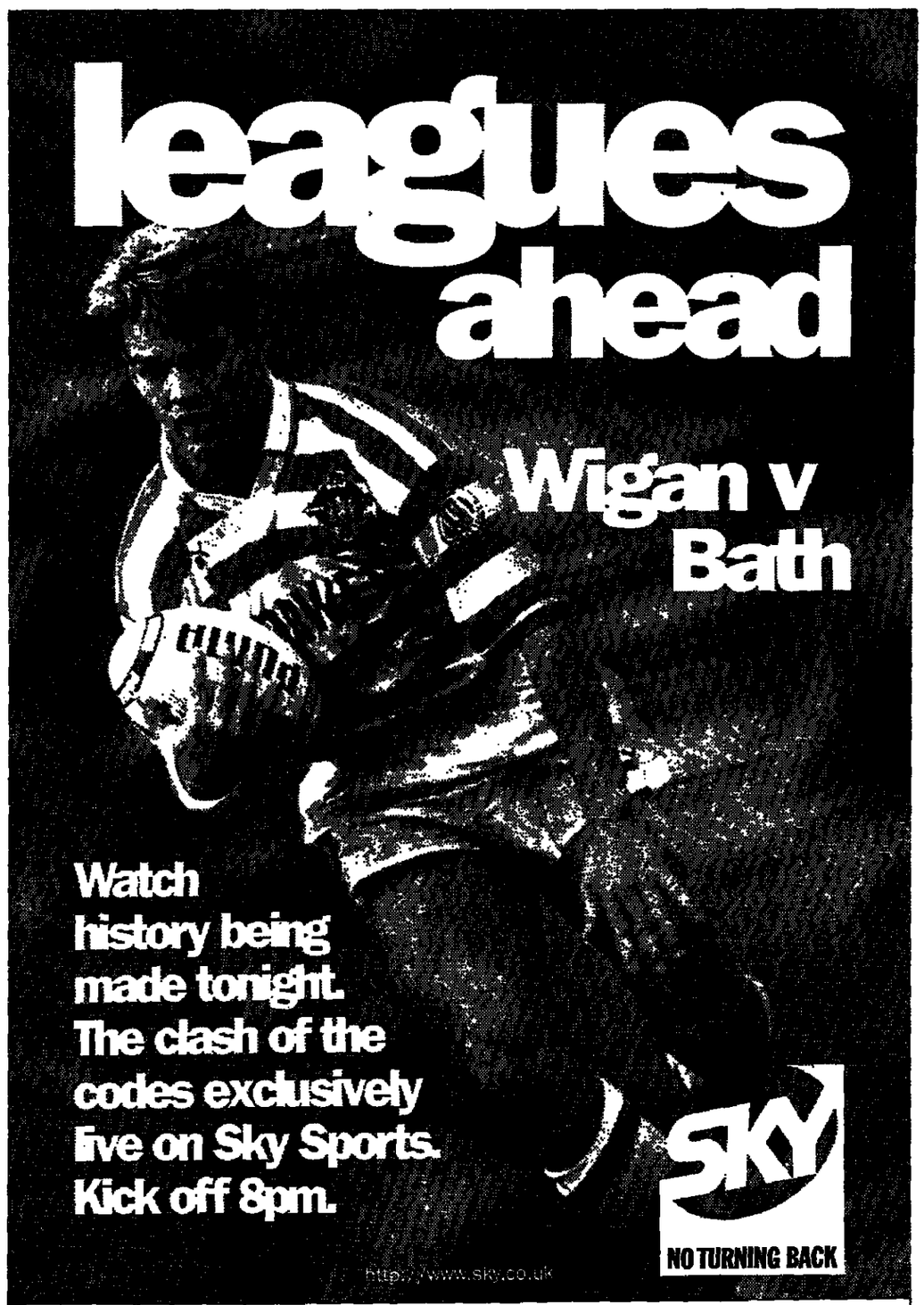
Umpires: G I Burgess and A G T Whitehead

Gold Award: C E W Silverwood

GROUP TABLES

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
Group A						
Lancashire	4	4	0	0	8	12.94
Warwicks	4	3	0	1	7	54.90
Leics	4	2	2	0	4	-5.20
Durham	4	1	2	1	3	-9.13
Derbyshire	4	1	3	0	2	-11.83
Minor Counties	4	0	4	0	0	-26.51
Group B						
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	6	22.72
Northants	3	3	0	0	6	12.25
Nottinghamshire	4	2	2	0	4	4.55
Worcestershire	3	0	3	0	0	-5.73
Scotland	3	0	3	0	0	-39.71

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
Group C						
Kent	4	4	0	0	8	12.23
Somerset	4	3	1	0	6	10.15
Glamorgan	4	3	1	0	6	2.84
Essex	4	2	2	0	4	10.92
Middlesex	4	0	4	0	0	-12.57
British Univs	4	0	4	0	0	-18.20
Group C						
Surrey	3	3	0	0	6	17.27
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	4	21.54
Hampshire	3	2	1	0	4	18.86
Sussex	4	1	3	0	2	-1.28
Ireland	3	0	3	0	0	-58.62



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Leader of the pack reigns supreme

Phil Yates says all statistics confirm the world champion as snooker's nonpareil

THE Embassy world snooker championship this year, which ended on a note of anticlimax on Monday evening, nevertheless proved beyond doubt that the standard at the game's top level is higher than it has ever been.

Admittedly, in terms of both drama and quality, Stephen Hendry's 18-12 victory over Peter Ebdon in the final was not a classic, but it would be wrong to allow one disappointing match to overshadow what was, overall, a vintage event.

From the first day of 17, when an unprecedented eight centuries were compiled, the potting and break-building were superb. Hendry's run of 125 in the final was the last of 48 three-figure scores. The previous record for centuries at the Crucible Theatre was 35, set in 1993 and 1994.

Hendry, by his own admission, was more satisfied with his general performance when capturing his five previous titles. Yet the Scot still managed to construct 11 centuries this year, only one short of the record he put together *en route* to victory last year.

Hendry has now fashioned 349 hundreds in competition since turning professional in 1985. He thereby dominates the all-time century list, 99 ahead of Steve Davis, who joined the paid ranks seven years earlier.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, whose off-table exploits attracted more attention than his impressive break-building, made nine centuries before losing 16-14 to Ebdon, who himself registered eight, in the semi-finals. O'Sullivan's penultimate century was his hundredth.

He thus joined an exclusive club of seven members. Willie Thorne may have beaten O'Sullivan to the milestone by three months, at the International Open in February, but, having turned professional in 1975, the seasoned campaigner from Leicester did enjoy the benefit of a 17-year start.

Having amassed 59 titles, 25 of which have been collected in world-ranking tournaments, Hendry is rapidly closing the gap on Davis, the leader in both categories, with 70 trophies lifted and 28 ranking-event successes.

Yet purely in terms of his century strike-rate over a season, Hendry inhabits a league of his own. He has already chalked up 51 this season and requires only three more in the European Matchroom League play-offs, at Irthlingborough this weekend, to break his own record. To put that figure into perspective, Jimmy White, rightly renowned as a silky scorer, boasts a personal best of only 30, a total he reached in 1990-91.

It was once said, about economics rather than snooker, that there are lies, damn lies and statistics but Hendry's career numbers, when it comes to combining the frequency of his titles, centuries and, indeed, total prize-money, provide compelling evidence that he *is* both the most skilful and successful player the game has known.

Hendry, who by defeating Ebdon extended his unbeaten sequence of matches at the Crucible to 25, also joined Davis and Ray Reardon as the winner of six world titles in the modern era. He has now banked £4,824,175 — more than £1 million of which has been earned from the world championship alone.



Hendry: centuries galore

If Hendry can retain the necessary motivation, he will surely end his career having set new marks in virtually every statistical group. The youngest winner at the Crucible remains the world No 1 for a seventh consecutive season and his pre-eminence remains unchallenged.

"I think I've got the capabilities to win a few more trophies yet," Hendry said after completing a grand slam of the game's most prestigious events this season, having already made a successful defence of the United Kingdom championship and regained the Benson and Hedges Masters.

"Over the past couple of weeks I haven't been at my best and I have been constantly reminded of it in the press. What they don't realise is that by saying such things they are complimenting me," Hendry said yesterday. "You know, it's great for your confidence when second best is still good enough."

Ebdon is in no doubt of Hendry's position. "Stephen's the greatest player ever and now I'll be able to tell my grandchildren I once had the privilege of meeting him in the world final," he said.

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RADIO CHOICE

The big fish that got away

Your Place or Mine? Waiting for Joe Di Maggio. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

It is just not true that everything comes to those who wait. Ask any one of the 5,000 inhabitants of the Sicilian fishing village of Isola della Femina. They whipped themselves into a froth of excitement to welcome Di Maggio, American baseball legend, briefly Marilyn Monroe's husband and son of an Isola della Femina fisherman. The village spent $28,000 — as much as the town hall's annual budget — on the preparations. To wash the streets clean, the villagers sacrificed the water in which they would normally take a bath or boil their pasta. But then, on the eve of his visit, Di Maggio caught a cold. Whereupon, the entire population of Isola della Femina sneezed with desolation.

The Ingenious Mind of Rigby Lacksome. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

In no other play will you hear that Shakespeare went by train from Stratford-upon-Avon to Paddington. Not all of the Bard though. Just his bones. And had it not been for the ingenious mind, not of the rascally Rigby Lacksome but of the blind sleuth Max Carrados, our greatest playwright would have ended up in America. Carrados, brainchild of thriller writer Ernest Bramah, is played plummily by Simon Callow. In Sue Rodwell's enjoyable dramatisation, everybody, including a cockney manservant, quotes Shakespeare at the drop of a hat, something that seems to happen quite a lot in tales set in the 1930s, as this one is.

Peter Davalle

Richmond take a costly stride into professional game

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

RICHMOND, one of the founding clubs of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), wiped their hands of amateurism yesterday when they displayed newly-acquired talent worth an estimated £500,000. They did so at the Café Royal in London, where they were formed 135 years ago, which added to the symbolic departure to professionalism.

Even as they placed Ben Clarke and Scott Quinnell on centre stage with three other newcomers, Richmond's position in the new scheme of things remained uncertain. They are members of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd (EPRUC), which does not want to play in the RFU's domestic competitions under its present structure next season, and yesterday EPRUC and its Welsh counterpart declared they were boycotting the European Cup competition announced last week by the five nations.

"We are not in favour of a breakaway," Symon Elliott, the Richmond chief executive, said, "but I am sympathetic with the aims of EPRUC and it has our full support at the negotiating table with the RFU." Nonetheless, as things stand neither the leading English nor Welsh clubs — among whom Richmond seek a place — will be playing official matches next season.

A resumption of talks between the clubs and the RFU is imminent and Richmond, having agreed long-term contracts believed to be worth over six figures, with Clarke, the Bath and England No 8, and Quinnell, once of Llanelli and Wales, now of Wigan Rugby League Club, must hope for a speedy conclusion.

In addition, Richmond have signed Richard West, the Gloucester lock capped once by England during the World Cup last year, Jim Fallon, the Leeds rugby league wing, who also played for Bath and Richmond during his union career, and Darren Crompton, the young Bath prop. The package the second-division newcomers (they signed Adrian Davies and Andy Moore from Cardiff last month) are putting together is a greater single coup than even wealthy Newcastle have achieved thus far.

A further international signing is possible and Richmond have been in talks with Scott Gibbs, formerly of Swansea and Wales and now playing rugby league for St Helens. Their outlay, the result of a £2.5 million injection by the Monaco-based millionaire, Ashley Levett, must grow since their plans include a youthful director of rugby in John Kingston, their present coach, a 15,000-seat stadium, an academy of youth and an ambition to become the Manchester United of rugby.

Leicester yesterday announced the signing of Craig Joiner, the Melrose wing capped 16 times by Scotland. Scotland plans to offer loyalty payments in the hope of stemming the drift south but, at this stage, Richmond and can take their pick of league and union clubs.

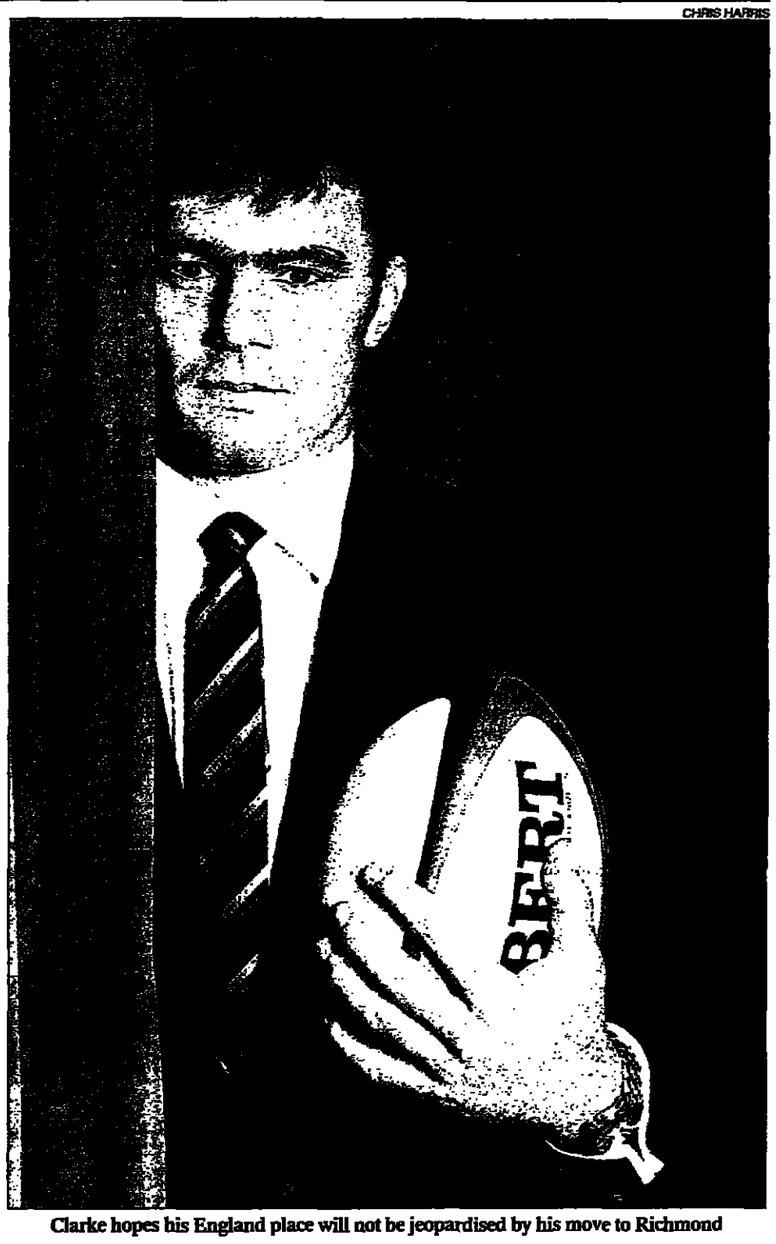
Clarke, who will captain Richmond next season, does not think his place in the England team will be jeopardised by playing second division rugby. He will play for the Barbarians against Ireland, in Dublin on May 18, in a XV including the world's leading international try-scorers, David Campese and Rory Underwood.

BARBARIANS: D Campese (New South Wales and Australia); E Rush (North Harbour and New Zealand), P de Glanville (Bath and England), P Sella (Agen and France), R Underwood (Leicester and England); S Bachop (Otago and New Zealand), J Roux (Transvaal and South Africa); G Rowntree (Leicester and England), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester), F Pienaar (Transvaal and South Africa, captain), W Waugh (NSW and Australia), O Roumat (Dax and France), L Cabannes (Racing and France), B Clarke (Richmond and England)



Quinnell: switch

CHRIS HARRIS



Clarke hopes his England place will not be jeopardised by his move to Richmond

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Skelton seeks Sublime ride at Windsor

By Jenny MacArthur

NICK SKELTON, the runner-up in the Cannes Grand Prix last weekend on Showtime, his Olympic contender, makes a rare appearance at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, which begins today in the Home Park.

The five-day show, that has been bolstered by substantial financial support from BCM Worldwide, the international equestrian management company, has a record entry of 3,450. John and Michael Whitaker plus Malin Baryard, the young showjumping star from Sweden, are among the international riders appearing.

Skelton, who now competes mainly at the more lucrative shows on the Continent, will appear at only two other British events this year — Wembley in October and Olympia in December. This week he is resting Showtime and Dollar Girl, on which he was third in the World Cup last month, and will ride Quickstar, his new stallion, and Sublime, who was placed in both Cannes and Maubeuge in the past fortnight.

Skelton will decide in the next few days which to ride in the Barbour Grand Prix on Sunday, the richest event of the week, which carries a £3,200 first prize.

Michael Whitaker, whose Olympic contender, Two Step, is back in work after a two-month lay-off through injury, is hoping to see a return to form this week of his reserve horse, Midnight Madness, who was disappointing on his last outing in Paris in March.

John Whitaker, his elder brother, will probably ride Randi, a good all-rounder, on Sunday. He is also reunited with Barrybug Cowboy Magic, a nine-year-old by Calgary.

Other leading events this week include the Harrods International Driving Grand Prix, which begins tomorrow, and the Hermes Grand Prix dressage on Friday.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

SEGER
(b) Seger (also seger cone): each of a series of small numbered cones or pyramids made of different mixtures of refractory material and flux so that they melt at different known temperatures, used to indicate the temperature inside kilns, etc. "He used a stout iron pipe within which seger cones were fastened at regular intervals, and thrust into the lava as far as he could."

YEDDO
(a) The former name of Tokyo, used attributively to designate materials, etc., originating there (before 1868, in which year the name was changed). "Mayr informed me last year that the Yeddo spruce was not introduced into Europe until 1891."

SPHAIRISTIKE
(b) A type of tennis first played in 1873 which was later developed into and renamed lawn-tennis. From the Greek *sphairistikē (technē)* (skill) in playing at ball, as exemplified by Nausicaa. "Sir, I have lately seen a new game played which will be a great acquisition as an out-of-door amusement at country houses. The game is called Sphairistike, or Lawn Tennis."

TWEEDE NUWEJAAR
(c) The second of January, a public holiday in Cape Province, celebrated especially by the Black population. From the Afrikaans for "the second New Year". *Cape Times*, 1947: "The Coons are ready for the New Year — and tweede nuwejaar — that extra holiday which is taken only in the Cape."

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IN BRIEF

King fends off Lewis

DON KING, the flamboyant promoter, turned to the courts again yesterday to prevent his World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, from having to make Lennox Lewis his next opponent. King's sixth appeal against a New Jersey court ruling in Lewis's favour came after the breakdown of financial negotiations to put on the bout.

Mayer proves decisive

Hockey: Chris Mayer lifted Great Britain out of adversity with a goal in the dying minutes for a 2-1 victory, their first in the Azlan Shah tournament, against an inexperienced India side in Ipoh, Malaysia, yesterday. Not since the Seoul Olympic Games of 1988 had Britain defeated India. Garcia scored Britain's opening goal and Lakshman scored the equaliser.

Audi under pressure

Motor sport: The technical committee of the Auto Trader British touring car championship is to consider changing the handicap system for the series in an attempt to reduce the four-wheel drive Audi A4's performance advantage tomorrow. The Audi of Frank Biela, of Germany, has secured runaway wins in four of the six races so far.

Medvedev misses out

Tennis: Andrei Medvedev, of Russia, the winner of the Panasonic German Open for the past two years, was eliminated from the event at the second-round stage yesterday, a lacklustre performance against Jordi Burillo, of Spain, resulting in a 6-3, 6-4 defeat. Five double faults bore testament to the erratic nature of his service.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley **9.00** Alan Parker — Road Warrior **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ivan Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** In Good Voice (2/5) **8.30** Back On the Road (3/5) **9.00** Doomsday In the Afternoon (2/3) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55, 7.55** *Racing preview* **8.35** *The Magazine* with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe On Five, incl at **3.05** Ruscoe Returns and **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** League Meets Union: Wigan v Bath, Ian Payne introduces live commentary, from Maine Road in Manchester **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra incl at **11.15** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News in German **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.00** *Newsdesk* **11.30** *BBC English* **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama **1.00** News in German **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Discovery **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: X Press **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (On Screen) **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** *Country Style* **12.30** Multitrack: X Press **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Word of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor. Includes, Telemann (Flute Concerto in D); Schubert (Octet in F, D803); Moszkowski (Caprice Espagnole); William Lloyd Webber (Viola Sonatina)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor, Hen); Handel (Scherza infida, Artodante); Karlowicz (Stanislaw and nne Oswiecim)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes, Handel (Concerto Grosso in D minor, Op 6 No 1); Milford (If It's Ever Spring Again; The Colour; So Sweet Love Seemed) **10.22** *Artist of the Week:* Raphael Oleg, violin. Fauré (Violin Sonata No 1 in A) **10.50** Barber (Canzone, concerto); [illegible] (Fireworks); Barber (Adagio for Strings); Strauss (Four Last Songs)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Nielsen. Symphony No 2 (The Four Temperaments); Three Orchestral Excerpts (Maskarade)
1.00pm The Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Katerina Karneus, mezzo, Iain Burnside, piano. Mozart (Dans un bois solitaire, K308; Oiseaux, si tous les ans, K307; Abendempfindung, K523; Das Veilchen, K476, *Als Luise die Briefe, K520*). Schumann (Frauenliebe und leben); Strauss (Die Nacht, Op 10 No 3; Fur 15 Pfenigge, Op 36 No 2; Allerseelen, Op 10 No 8; Cacilie, Op 27 No 2)
2.00 Schools Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice. Includes, Mozart (Seven Minuets, K61b)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from Ripon Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine: Young Musicians '96
5.15 In Tune. Satie, orch Milhaud (Suite: Jack-in-the-box); Walton, arr Mathieson (Suite: Henry V)
6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Sarah Walker, mezzo, Roger Vignoles, piano, with a selection of pieces by a variety of composers
7.00 Cocktails. Prewar light music (r)
7.30 Swarallsch Conducts Strauss. The Philharmonia under Wolfgang Swallisch. Strauss (Don Juan); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor). Strauss (Also sprach Zarathustra) (2/2)
9.10 Typecasting. Gordon Stewart explores travesti voices (3/5)
9.25 Music for Harpsichord. Carole Cerasi plays works by Jean-Henri d'Anglebert
10.00 Voices, with Iain Burnside
10.45 Night Waves, with Richard Coles
11.30 Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Night School Verseplay
1.20 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Euro-Concert Mahler (What the Wild Flowers Tell Me); Gade (Violin Concerto); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, Spring) **2.35** Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4in G) **3.10** Early Music **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek. The last of the present series, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00 News; Pilkington in Ladakh (FM only). John Pilkington explores the kingdom of Ladakh on India's northern frontier (1/2)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time
12.00pm News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25 Chambers, by Clive Coleman (4/5) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Return of Max Carrados: The Ingenious Mind of Rigby Lacksome. See Choice (1/2)
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen Sarah Dunant and Tony Ross look at new picture books for the under fives
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini talks to the actor Richard Dreyfuss about his new film *Mr Holland's Opus.*
4.45 Short Story: Dadal His Doo-Dahs! By Henry Livings Read by Jane Whittenshaw
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint, with Ned Sherrin (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts. A new series of investigations with John Waite and his team
7.45 Your Place or Mine? See Choice
8.15 Diverging Dominions. A new series looking at the changes taking place in the former British dominions of Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Tonight — Australia: Up Front Down Under. Malcolm Fraser talks to the writer Thomas Keneally and the chairman and chief executive of the News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch
9.00 Attacking the Organisation. Peter Day reviews 100 years of management ideas (1/4) (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59 Weather**
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Waugh on Five Fronts. Read by the late Simon Cadell (3/5) (r)
11.00 Seymour the Fractal Cat. The final part of Gary Parker's comedy adventure.
11.30 We Know Everything (FM only). Written and hosted by Dan Gaster and Paul Powell. With Simon Godley, Clare Cathcart and Martin Hyder (4/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
11.45 Elastic Planet (FM only). Ben Moor's comedy narrated by Oliver Postgate (4/6) (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather **12.30 The Late Book: Tongues of Flame** (6/8) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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Kings of the wildly extravagant frontier

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Ever since the Berlin Wall came down, thriller writers have been in a hole. Border crossings, in particular, have lost a lot of their old *frisson*. But leave it to the all-embracing cop drama to revive the form. Cop shows can be comedies, soaps, whatever you like, and last night's *new cops-in-conflict* **Frontiers** (ITV) was stylish, moody, dark and cinematic, and for the first 30 minutes appeared to be taking place in a paranoid hypothetical world, something like *Blade Runner*. It was quite confusing, actually. "We're crossing the border," said grim detectives from South Morton (fictional English county). And as the big sign "You are now entering West Morton" passed their vehicle in the rainy dark, they seemed to press their backs into their car seats, while the music got louder.

South Morton and West Morton are not names to conjure with, and I suppose that is the point. Created by Sandy Welch and Stephen Poliakoff, *Frontiers* is supposed to highlight the strikingly different policing styles in bordering counties, where you might expect the same treatment from both. Thus, the set-up is this: Peter Howitt and Kevin McNally play two superintendents (one West, one South) who dislike each other and disagree about procedure. One is old-fashioned and ruggedly handsome, working on instinct; the other is Mister Technology, whose car tells him the air temperature (handy), and whose idea of solving a kidnap involves sitting in the control room of Cape Canaveral, tapping keys very fast. If an analogy for this duo is required, it comes from *Toy Story*. Howitt is Woody, the loveable cowboy; McNally is the Buzz Lightyear, complete with wrist-laser. (I hope this analogy is helpful.)

But the sky-high production values have made *Frontiers* completely unbelievable, which is a shame. Sandy Welch's excellent script last night was sophisticated enough to tease us with cliché, and also leave things fairly messy at the end, with both cop styles proved right as well as wrong. The chase for a kidnapper was exciting; the minor characters beautifully played. But the exorbitant interiors of the police HQ — like a futuristic building society, full of white light — must surely have caused real policemen to crack their ribs with ho-hos.

One of last night's key Woody-and-Buzz encounters concerned the sudden appearance of an American psychological profiler, invited by Buzz. "They are always wrong!" said Woody, and stomped out. Well, tell that to the arts programmes, which last night coincidentally ventured to psychoanalyse two icons of British culture in their absence — first Francis Bacon in **The Works** (BBC2) and then the Princess of Wales in *Without Walls* (Channel 4). Actually, if you're thinking I'm mad myself, the Diana programme was pulled, which was a shame. Having seen it by mistake, I can tell you that the laugh value of Di's outfits — turning up for analytic sessions improbably in a gym kit — was considerable.

But the analytic approach proved entertainingly useful in both cases. In the programme that *did* go out, Darian Leader asked whether Bacon's famous "Screaming Pope" series meant something deeply personal to the artist, and was pleased (though surely unsurprised) to discover that — of course — it went very deep indeed. Full fathom five your father lies, as the saying is. Because the original Pope picture that obsessed Bacon — Velázquez's *Innocent X* — bore a strong resemblance to Bacon's dad. Spooky, eh?

Thus, the scream of those purply Popes related to his father's anger ("He was a man prone to rages," said a cousin), and also to a complex of feelings about Bacon's childhood asthma, and the death of his brother. I couldn't quite follow this bit, but somehow the gaping of the figures could be seen as breathing and suffocating rather than yelling. Personally, I still think they are yelling. And I still think, incidentally, that an important part of the image is the electric chair he's sitting in (and gripping the arms of), with the voltage turned up high.

Finally to **Floyd in Africa** (BBC2), which I watched in the fervent hope that *Times* columnist Matthew Parris wasn't likewise tuning in. Recently Parris wrote in *The Spectator* about the artifice of so-called factual television, and his piece was deeply heartfelt: this was definitely a full-blooded scream, not a sharp intake of breath. His point, as I recall, was that the artifice of broadcasting is insidious: television-makers consider it innocent (indeed, simply necessary) to stage events for the camera, and thus they become so accustomed to scripting reality that finally they don't know (or care) that they are telling lies.

Well, all I can say is, don't ever watch Keith Floyd, Matthew. Floyd's train "breaking down" last night on a hillside in Madagascar — *at the exact point where it passed a trackside camera* — was accompanied by Floyd saying: "This is actually real." Good grief, they think we are idiots. No amount of open-air wok-stirring can make up for that sort of malarkey. Even if the event really did take place, that handy footage from the trackside shows utter contempt for the audience. By re-staging it for the cameras (if this is what happened), they cheerfully turn a real event into a false one.

Call me Queen Tut of the Tut-Tut people, but it all gets too much sometimes. Later, Floyd made a big deal about cooking at sundown (umpteen shots of Madagascan sunset), and then served his meal on a veranda in broad daylight. How do they do that? It's what they call the magic of television.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (69750)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (90021)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (4655311)
9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7768972)
9.45 Kilroy (s) (6092514)
10.30 Good Morning (s) (80175)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1078682)
12.05pm Room for Improvement (s) (5210514)
12.35 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly introduces more contestants in the general knowledge quiz (s) (4700934)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (20868)
1.30 Regional News and weather (62997408)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69418021)
2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga (r) (s) (87717)
3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2737953) **3.50 The Silver Brumby** (s) (2748069) **4.15 Funnybones** (r) (s) (2492682) **4.20 Jonny Briggs** (r) (s) (3250446) **4.35 Rugrats** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2033798) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7485330) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (6334137)
5.35 Neighbours. Mark can't keep up with the pace; Annalise hits on a new project for Annajo Promotions (r) (Ceefax) (510576)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (359)
6.30 Regional News magazines (311)
7.00 Relatively Speaking. Gordon Burns hosts the family game show in which players from three generations search for words to unlock puzzles and problems (Ceefax) (s) (9427)
7.30 Here and Now. Sue Lawley and the team present another hard-hitting investigation (Ceefax) (s) (595)
8.00 Casualty: Chasing the Dragon. Hospital drama series. Two homeless girls are drawn into a murky world where the mysterious Steph seems to be running a sinister scheme (r) (Ceefax) (s) (846021)
8.50 Points of View. Viewers' opinions presented by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (838972)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) (8392)
9.30 Madson. (4/6) John Madson (Ian McShane) tries to help Gordon's sister-in-law, who is being evicted from her bedsit by an unscrupulous landlord. (Ceefax) (s) (542381)
10.20 Sportsnight. Rugby League: highlights of the first Rugby Challenge match between Wigan and Bath. Tonight's match is under league rules, with the union-code return at Twickenham on May 25; Football: the European Cup Winners Cup Final, between Paris St Germain and Rapid Vienna. Plus a look forward to Saturday's FA Cup Final and a review of the Premiership season (s) (355427)
11.55 FILM: Brainstorm (1983) starring Christopher Walken, Louise Fletcher and Natalie Wood (her final film). Sinister forces are trying to take over a scientific invention which can replay thoughts and emotions. Features outstanding special effects. Directed by Douglas Trumbull (Ceefax) (s) (104040)
1.35am Weather (3310151)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Maths (7340972) **6.25 Chemistry** (7336779) **6.50** The Leaping Horse **by John Constable** (5352972)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4740040)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (11514) **8.00 The Lowdown** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7408446) **8.25 Wishing** (r) (s) (5476359)
8.40 The Record (s) (8960021)
9.05 Daytime on Two: Ici Paris (4652224) **9.25 Job Bank** (4672088) **9.45 Words and Pictures** (5829069) **10.00 Playdays** (2323175) **10.25 Numbertime** (2434224) **10.45 Cats' Eyes** (2516224) **11.00 Teaching Today** (6798) **11.30 The Shape of the World** (3387040) **12.05pm The Spanish Collection** (7274311) **12.30 Working Lunch** (26359) **1.00 The Geography Programme** (65199682) **1.20 Zig Zag: An African Country** (65100798) *1.45 Come Outside* (62907885)
2.00 Wishing. Animation (r) (s) (44990205)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (7252392)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7012408) **3.05 Westminster** (Ceefax) (9694717) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6156682)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (224) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (408) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4655175)
5.40 A Week to Remember. 1956 (b/w) (325595)
5.50 More Secret Gardens. A visit to the less well-known gardens that surround Helmingham Hall, near Stowmarket in Suffolk. Last in the series (810601)
6.00 Star Trek — the Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (978953)
6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (638412)
7.30 [redacted] East. The plight of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees seeking sanctuary in Britain (Ceefax) (s) (137)
8.00 More Rhodes Around Britain. The chef Gary Rhodes continues his culinary tour of Britain with a visit to a Belfast bar and a large family house in Drenagh, Limavady (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6717)
8.30 Home Front. How to make the most of cupboard space; how to turn a loo seat into a work of art and the secrets of chair-making (Ceefax) (s) (5224)
9.00 [redacted] Modern Times — Househusbands (Ceefax) (s) (290021)



Richard Mabey visits Kent (9.50pm)

9.50 [redacted] Postcards from the Country (Ceefax) (s) (830137)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (684205)
11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceefax) (s) (209798). Followed by **Weather**
12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (89489)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

East: On the Run
BBC2, 7.30pm

The current affairs series on Asian matters continues to offer reporting of a high standard, though supporters of the Asylum and Immigration Bill may not agree. Matthew Amroliwala tests the assumptions behind British asylum policy by looking at the experiences of Sri Lankan Tamils. Many have fled to Britain to escape the civil war, yet despite evidence they can provide of being tortured or detained without trial, their requests for asylum are seldom granted. The Home Office view is that it is safe for them to return to Colombo, though lawyers there claim that the detention and brutalisation of Tamils is worse than ever. The film also asks whether new legislation is needed when asylum applications, and the success rate, have been falling so sharply.

Sharpe: Sharpe's Siege
ITV, 8.00pm

The French are up to their devious tricks again but Sean Bean and his gallant Brits refuse to be fooled. Bernard Cornwell's saga of the Napoleonic Wars continues to be a Euro-sceptics' delight. There is no nonsense here about the sturdy Brits being humiliated by capricious foreigners. The two-hour slot might stretch a less incident-packed drama, but there are enough plots and subplots, not to mention a battle or two, to fill the time and more. Up to now Bean's dashing and dishy Major Sharpe has kept free of romantic attachments, enabling him to play the field. All that ends when he marries Jane (Abigail Cruttenden). But she soon contracts the fever which is going the rounds and may not survive for hubby's return from his daring raid on a French castle. Meanwhile, a pushy new commanding officer provides Sharpe with an adversary nearer home.

Modern Times: Househusbands
BBC2, 9.00pm

Identify a recent social trend, find three neatly contrasting examples to illustrate it, and you have the model formula for a documentary. Susanna White's film about men who stay at home while their wives go out to work does not disappoint. It helps that the couples involved are prepared to speak honestly. This particularly applies to Nick and Clare. He was a merchant banker who was made redundant and unable to get another job. As he, understandably, became depressed and vegetated, she found herself having to support the family. Although making wedding dresses is something she enjoys, the role-reversal is clearly not to her liking and marriage has come under strain. Still shell-shocked after five years without work, he can only reflect that many men are finding the 1990s confusing.

Postcards from the Country: The Village
BBC2, 9.50pm

Richard Mabey's series was made by the BBC Natural History Unit but is more about people than flora and fauna. Through personal memories, film and photographs, it sets out to chart changes in British rural life over the past 50 years. Mabey begins in Kent, where senior citizens conjure up an idyllic past of cherry orchards, traditional crafts, dancing round the maypole and cricket on the green. Some of this survives but the Eurostar train pounding through the countryside past redundant oast houses is to many a potent symbol of unwelcome change. Even so, you wonder whether the supposedly good old days were really that tranquil. The tensions, recounted here, between the locals and the hop-pickers who poured in each summer from the London East End suggest that even in the Garden of England village life had its darker side. **Peter Waymark**

ITV

6.00am GMTV (6620974)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7743663)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2300224)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6645801)
10.35 This Morning (50077595)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1074866)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4736359)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4704750) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1020601) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (19995427)
2.25 FILM: Always Remember I Love You (1990) starring Patty Duke, Stephen Dorff and David Birney. The first of a two part drama about a teenager whose world begins to crumble when he discovers that the people he thought were his mother and father are not his biological parents. Concludes tomorrow. Directed by Michael Miller (7268953) (4704750)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7029798)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7028069)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) *(2833999)*
3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (1459750) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (r) (s) (8233935) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (6724934) **4.10 The Adventures of Captain Zeelig** (s) (6149392) **4.40 Spellbinder** (Teletext) (2407514)
5.10 A Country Practice (9987311)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (596917)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (168750)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (767934)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? Lesley Joseph cruises around the Caribbean on a new luxury liner; Judith Chalmers embarks on a four-wheel-drive treasure hunt in Llangollen, Clwyd; and John Carter visits Savannah, Georgia (Teletext) (s) (4595)
7.30 Coronation Street. Alec tries to bolster Vicky's morale (Teletext) (663)



Sean Bean as Major Sharpe (8.00pm)

8.00 [redacted] Sharpe: Sharpe's Siege (Teletext) (s) (6089)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (86243)
10.30 Regional News and weather (825175)
10.40 FILM: La Bamba (1987). Musical biopic starring Lou Diamond Phillips as the young Mexican-American Richie Valens. Directed by Luis Valdez (s) (12998868)
12.35 God's Gift (9821712) **1.35 Dear Nick** (1228828) **2.35 Bushell on the Box** (r) (s) (3479828)
3.05 FILM: Dogs to the Rescue (1968) starring Tony Kramreither, Dorine Dron and Draga Olteanu. A man arranges for his brother to die in a car crash, so that he can take over the family property. Directed by Paul Fritz-Nemeth (7562462)
4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (53660)
5.00 Cover Story (s) (59335)
5.30 Morning News (77644)

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (767934)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25-12.30 My Story Brian Coomes, a bard of the Gorsedd (1082885)
12.55 Coronation Street (4704750)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31477953)
1.55 Home and Away (39759866)
2.25 Brief Encounters. Ruth Langsford sails up the River Exe (19998514)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6762798)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9987311)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (98576)
10.40 Robert Lenkiewicz: Demon or Delight? An assessment of the controversial Plymouth-based artist, recorded at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth (817446)
11.40 Hunter (917205)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4704750)
1.25 Cross Wits (31477953)
1.55 A Country Practice (69422224)
2.20 Right or Wrong (19999243)
2.50-3.20 Our House (2513243)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9987311)
6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (767934)
10.40 Film: Farewell to the King (12999868)
12.35am Bushell on the Box (6966286)
2.10 Dear Nick (9271460)
3.05 In Focus (2358460)
3.50 Jobfinder (2137083)
5.20 Asian Eye (3211712)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Coronation Street (4704750)
1.25 Home and Away (31477953)
1.55 Shortland Street (69422224)
2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7269682)
3.15-3.20 Three Minutes — Making It Happen (7022885)
5.10 Home and Away (9987311)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Freescreen (802682)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (427)
6.30-7.00 Animal Country (779)
10.40 The Road Show (622514)
11.10 Meridian Audit (419088)
12.10am Good Advice (3711538)
5.00 Freescreen (59335)

BORDER

Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (5366175) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (23359) **9.00 The Pink Panther** (7771446) **9.25 Film: Lydia** (41898224) **11.15 Hotel Hawkestone** (9594885) **11.30 Australia Wild** (2595) **12.00 House to House** (83156) **12.30pm Wowser** (11427) **1.00 Slot Melthrin** (28448) **1.30 Poor Mans Pig** (39772717) **1.55 Bush Tucker Man** (4136040) **2.30 Channel 4 Racing From Chester** (72156) **4.30 Classic Trucks** (576) *5.00 5 Pump: Ceilagati* (9450682) *5.15 5 Pump: Fieil* (7497175) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (156) **6.00 Newyddion** (522934) **6.15 Heno** (416798) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (296427) **7.25 Portreadau: Iolwyn Flowc Ellis** (430412) **8.00 Hawilo** (1885) **8.30 Newyddion** (6232) **9.00 Encounters: Plague Doctors** (3359) **10.00 Brookside** (84885) **10.30 E.R.** (46069) **11.30 Cybill** (75224) **12.00 Nightsports** (5523267)

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (5366175)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (23359)
9.00 The Pink Panther (s) (7771446)
9.25 FILM: Lydia (1941, b/w). Romantic drama with Merle Oberon recalling previous affairs with Joseph Cotten, Alan Marshal, George Reeves and Hans Jaray. Directed by Julien Duvivier (Teletext) (41898224)
11.15 Hotel Hawkestone. A woman books a holiday in a New Zealand hotel, only to arrive and find it's not built (9594885)
11.30 Australia Wild (2595) **12.00 House to House** (83156) **12.30 Sesame Street** (r) (25069) **1.30 Madeline** (r) (s) (39772717)
1.55 Bush Tucker Man (r) (s) (4136040)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Chester, including the Oaks at 3.10pm (s) (72156)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (576)
5.00 Ricki Lake (1076972)
5.45 Terrytoons. Deputy Dawg (333514)
6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (166392)
6.25 Home Improvement. American comedy with Tim Allen (s) (Teletext) (174311)
6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (103381)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (825717)
7.55 The Slot (970137)
8.00 Brookside. Tempers flare when Jackie confronts Bev about the gossiping (Teletext) (s) (1885)



Ian Wright near Tijuana (8.30pm)

8.30 Lonely Planet: Baja California and Copper Canyon. In the last of the current series, Ian Wright begins his intrepid journey in the border town of Tijuana before heading to San Quentin then on to mainland Mexico and Copper Canyon (Teletext) (s) (6232)
9.00 Dispatches. Parliament awaits a report from its financial watchdog but this programme suggests that high street banks have cashed in on a scheme designed to meet the transport needs of people with disabilities (329885)
9.45 Four-Mations: Great British Animation *Next*, by Barry Purves and *Lautrec*, by Geoff Dunbar (r) (158972)
10.00 ER. Benton finally decides to act on Vucelich and his fraudulent study. (Teletext) (s) (6446)
11.00 Friends. Rachel accidentally lets Ross's pet monkey escape and the friends have to form a search party (r) (Teletext) (s) (6175)
11.30 Cheers. When Sam's goddaughter moves to Boston to attend college, Sam foolishly decides that Woody will be a safe bet to chaperone her around town (r) (Teletext) (s)
12.00 Nightsports. Gary Imlach presents the through-the-night sports feast. Includes the Phillips auctioneer who will be conducting the sale of Brian Johnston's cricketing memorabilia (5523267). Ends at **6.00am**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (15137) **8.30** What-A-Mess *(32446)* **9.00** Press Your Luck (3038929) **9.30** Love Connection (9880446) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4656446) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9047311) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3195972) **12.00** Beechy (43040) **1.00pm** Hotel (69088) **2.00** Geraldo (30175) **3.00** Court TV (8214) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9756971) **4.15** Undun (7530137) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4514) **6.00** The Simpsons (8205) **6.30** Jeopardy! (3885) **7.00** LAPD (5243) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8089) **8.00** Space: Above and Beyond (99243) **9.00** The Outer Limits (86779) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (89885) **11.00** Melrose Place (56801) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2268151) **12.45am** Civil Wars (8302977) **1.30** Anything But Love (16731) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9369977)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Sky Destinations (87895) **10.30** *ABC Nightline (10224)* **11.00** World News and Business (420156) **1.30pm** CBS News (86089) **2.30** Parliament Live (74953) **3.30** Parliament Live (continued) (7773) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (82972) **7.30** Sportsline (97224) **8.30** Newsmaker (1040) **11.30** CBS Evening News (57601) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (29793) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (25248) **2.30** Newsmaker (75441) **3.30** Parliament Replay (87286) **4.30** CBS Evening News Replay (84825) **5.30** ABC World News *(19644)*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Summer Interlude (1951) (42515137) **7.50 The Sea Hawk** (1940) (22353750) **10.00 The Cat and the Canary** (1979) (35021) **12.00 Oh God! Book II** (1980) (47088) **2.00pm The Flintstones** (1994) (97088) **4.00 Four Eyes** (1991) (9446) **6.00 Rugged Gold** (1993) (55089) *7.30 El Niño Week In Review* (3137) **8.00** *The Flintstones* (1994) (95427) **10.00** *Playmaker* (1994) (999885) **11.35 Indecent Behavior II** (1994) (7644446) **1.10 The Killeran** (1989) (9816606) **2.50 Guyver: Dark Hero** (1992) (1885388) **4.30 Four Eyes** (1991) (52880)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm A Damsel In Distress (1937) (14168409) **5.45 Mildred Pierce** (1945) (73353448) **7.40 Waterloo** (1971) (15762250) **10.00 Cry Freedom** (1987) (56812311) **12.40am Streets of Fire** (1984) (197844) **2.15-3.50 Broken Arrow** (1950) (4827311)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Cat City (1987) (92750) **8.00 King Solomon's Mines** (1985) (36021) **9.00 Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (54330) **10.00 Show Business** (1944) (33663) **12.00 Against All Flags** (1952) (48232) **2.00pm Teacher's Pet** (1958) (97048) **4.00 King Solomon's Mines** (1985) (61872) *5.00 Journey to the Centre of the Earth* (7224) **6.00 My Family Treasure** (1993) (81224) **8.00 Past Tense** (1994) (14224) **9.30 Beverly Hills Cop III** (1993) (199137) **11.15 Severed Ties** (1992) (157972) **12.55am Assault at West Point: The Court-Martial of Johnson Whittaker** (1994) (901809) **2.30 Harmful Intent** (1993) (473118) **4.05 Lionheart** (1950) (131441)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am The Muppet Babies (92623224) **6.30** Ducktales (36060972) **7.00** Quack Attack (87948205) **7.30** Rescue Rangers (87950040) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50788224) **8.30** Wonderland (50787595) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (50701175) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54342953) **10.00** The Muppet Babies (36051224) *10.30* Pooh Corner (50707359) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97101408) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97102137) **12.00** Disney (54332576) **1.00pm** FILM: Menace on the Mountain (92633601) **2.30** Sing Me a Story with Belle (45713885) **3.00** Ducktales (47787427) **3.30** Quack Attack (45718330) **4.00** Rescue Rangers (45704137) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45793021) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47782972) **5.30** Danger Bay (45717601) **6.00** Tarzan (45714514) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45705886) **7.00** The Sinbad Show (47779408) **7.30** Flipper (26545088) **8.30** Voyager (85437446) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54333205)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Formula 1 (77972) **8.30** Motorcycling (48576) **9.30** Football (42137) **10.30** Basketball (82576) **11.00** Live Tennis (3059779) **5.00pm** Motors (2798) **6.00** Truck Racing (9717) **6.30** Formula 1 (9999) **7.00** Aerobics (44717) **8.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (20137) **9.00** Tennis (339011) **10.00** Football (96682) **12.00-12.30am** Tennis (58557)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Finish Line (90669) **7.30** Wrestling (89576) **8.30** Racing (51752) **9.00** Aerobics (91224) **9.30** Sussex v Surrey: Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket (65717) **11.30** Max Out (65917) **12.00** Aerobics (11088) **12.30pm** How the Premiership Was Won (23663) **2.30** IPC Magazine Awards (29427) **3.30** Surf Sailing (5137) **4.00** Women's Golf: Welsh Open (81750) **5.00** Wrestling — Superstars (7530) **6.00** Sports Centre (957999) **8.05** Sports Unlimited (230330) **7.00** Super League Special: Wigan v Bath (232088) **10.00** Sports Centre (911663) **10.15** The Pavilion End (340953) **11.15** Women's Golf: Welsh Open (346137) **12.15am** Inside the PGA Tour (370248) **12.45** Super League Special: Wigan v Bath (798335) **2.45** The Pavilion End (342825) **3.45-4.00** Sports Centre (12826032)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Golden Rugby (7308972) *10.30* World Cup Classics: West Germany v England 1990 Semi-final (6503359) **12.00-1.00am** Golf and All Its Glory (4359538)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Chronicles of Revival with Rodney Howard-Browne **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Living Word **6.15** This Is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8581243) **7.55** As the World Turns (26865776) *8.50* Peyton Place (7826330) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1664750) *10.10-11.00* Another World (4732205)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6897208) **11.30** Sky Destinations (6888137) **12.00** Alaska Video Destinations (7207243) **12.30pm** Bruce and Postcards (7207243) **1.00** Getaway Bob Eat America (3360408) **1.30** Getaway (3028088) **1.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (3569779) **2.00** Great Sports Vacations (4495885) **2.30** Flight of an Angel (9860359) **3.00** Globetrotter (7272392) **3.30** Around the World (7126576) *3.55-4.00* Holiday Shop (99460330)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (6801088) **5.00** Hollywood (4498972) **6.00-7.00** Biography: General Douglas MacArthur (3579427)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (9749088) **8.00** FILM: War of the Worlds (16166595) *9.35 The Making of FTL Newsfeed* (2274156) **10.00** Close (6838750) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9315267) **2.00** FILM: War of the Worlds (2410606) **3.30-4.00** Ray Bradbury Theatre (4758712)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1853243) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7865866) **10.00** Dunbar (5772779) **10.30** Our House (1859427) **11.00** Room for Improvement (6321408) **11.30** Crafwise (6322137) **12.00** Julia Child (1840779) **12.30pm** Frugal Gourmet (7689682) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7620175) **1.30** Furniture (7888953) **2.00** Our House (1057934) *2.30 The Garden Show* (1087021) **3.00** Screaming Reels (1076069) *3.30-4.00 This Old House* (1099866)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (7690934) **7.30** Neighbours (78190669) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1832750) **8.30** EastEnders (1831021) **9.00** The Bill (1855801) **9.30** The Sullivans (7887224) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7608963) **11.00** Bullseye (6323986) **11.30** Globersh (7546156) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (5545242) **12.30** Neighbours (7881040) **1.00** EastEnders (5262156) *1.35 Sykes* (9808412) **2.15** Home James (7824359) **2.50** Sorry! (9305934) **3.30** The Bill (1091224) **4.00** Minder (6347446) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7842514) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (8340446) **6.25** EastEnders (4301972) **7.00** Morecambe and Wise (2261205) **8.00** Bullseye (1079158) **8.30** Sorry! (1056663) **9.00** Campaign (2290717) **10.00** The Bill (4924137) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (8596866) **11.25** Mackenzie (9753953) **12.30am** *FILM:* Outback (5159460) **2.00-3.00** Shopping (2143354)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (49446) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (27750) **7.00** Ready or Not (86137) **7.30** California Dreams (78972) **8.00** Bykes Grove (45069) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (37040) **9.00** Pink Panther (28392) **9.30** Garfield and Friends (65311) **10.00** Eek the Cat (41330) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (24576) **11.00** Casper and Friends (41156) **11.30** Dinobabies (42885) **12.00** Tiny TCC (48156) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (67972) **1.30** Sesame Street (68601) **2.30** Tiny TCC (7750) *3.00 Eek the Cat* (7408) **3.30** Pink Panther (9595) **4.00** California Dreams (1330) **4.30-5.00** Bykes Grove (7514)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (98330) **8.30** Galaxy High (59224) **7.00** Mr Men (4057311) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (3301021) **7.45** Rugrats (5827069) **8.00** Doug (4598021) **8.15** Aaahhh!! Real Monsters (4511972) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (73974) *9.00 Biker Mice from Mars* (59866) **9.30** Pet Shop (38885) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5477798) **10.05** Bananas in Pyjamas (5478069) **10.10** Beber (9707224) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7493205) **10.40** Barney (7423448) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7422717) **10.50** Bananas in Pyjamas (7403682) **11.00** Children's BBC (98866) **12.00** Magic School Bus (39530) **12.30pm** Grimmy (30931) *1.00 Denver* (80882) **1.30** Visionaries (39972) **2.00** Pet Shop (5885) **2.30** Children's BBC (27069) **3.30** Mighty Max (3779) **4.00** Santo Bugito (5514) **4.30** Rugrats (4304021) **4.45** Doug (4309576) **5.00** Sister Sister (6137) **5.30** Clarissa (5750) **6.00** Alex Mack (2583) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6243)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1001601) **4.30** Human/Nature (1007685) **5.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (1050021) **6.00** Charlie Brave (1088750) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5176137) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1008814) **8.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World (1077798) **8.30** Ghosthunters (1055205) **9.00** Unexplained (2298369) **10.00** Chrome Dreams (2291446) **11.00-12.00** Top Banana (7807224)

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1837205) **12.30pm** William Tell (7883408) **1.00** Jason King (7871683) **2.00** Honey West (1084088) **2.30** Gerry Shandling (1014175) **3.00** Danger Man (8320779) *4.00 FILM: Sands of the Kalahari* (6987868) **6.30** UFO (5163663) **7.30** Weekly World News (1089040) **8.00** Manimal (2265021) **9.00** Gossip (6338798) **9.30-12.00** FILM: *Plenty* (9324514)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (9601) **7.30** Entertainment (2427) **8.00** Due South (26311) **9.00** Soap (85578) **9.30** Taxi (27137) **10.00** Frasier (10359) **10.30** Spoof-O-Vision (91156) **12.30am** Soap (14825) **1.00** Taxi (10083) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (57489) **2.00** Entertainment (54002) **2.30** Frontline — Santa II (40809) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (84915)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8592446) **7.00** Esther (5260040) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (5221292) **8.30** Gardeners' World (8543406) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (8199779) **9.35** Kate and Allie (9880494) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5687798) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2877330) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7335750) **11.55** Brookside (8049972) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (7358088) **1.25** Catchword (9458359) **2.00** Agony Hour (5348392) **3.00** Live at Three (8522021) **4.00** Inflation UK (9937205) *4.30 Crosswits* (2242717) **5.05** Lingo (15068576) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9957069) **6.00** Bewitched (9947882) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (9938934) **7.00** Brookside (8826917) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (7725717) **8.00** Street Legal (1007392) **9.00** FILM: Cast the First Stone (72742585) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8872953) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (5286088)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (1088) **6.00** Batman (5179) **6.30** Catchphrase (9359) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (2717) **7.30** The Fall Guy (90972) **8.30** Home to Roost (2412) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: A Guilty Thing Surprised (59883) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (52750) **11.00** Neon Rider (75885) **12.00** The Fall Guy (85737) **1.00am** Batman (58808) **1.30** All Together Now (70977) **2.00** Big Brother

Cross-code challenge kicks off

Bath's control put to test in another league

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CURIO or freak show? Whichever, the first of the cross-rugby code challenge matches between Wigan and Bath, at Maine Road tonight, will address half the argument about sport's great untested rivalry without really answering any questions. Under rugby league rules, Wigan should run riot, before the jamboree diverts to Twickenham, on May 25, and Bath come into their element.

Greater interest centres on the rugby union leg, for the simple reason that Wigan should give Bath more of a run for the £500,000 the matches will put into depleted coffers at either club, than Bath are capable of providing Wigan, without the benefit of any league experience. The scoreboard will be tested by the "home" side more than Manchester City managed in the football season.

In a recent mock league game, Bath were beaten six tries to four by the South Wales reserve XIII. After only their fifth league training session yesterday, Brian Ashton, Bath's coach, was candid in his assessment. "The players have found adapting far more difficult than they realised," he said. "There have been problems at the play-the-ball, marking up, and getting back the ten metres after each tackle. But where we've struggled most is the defensive alignment."

While some union pundits worry for Wigan's safety in the scrums, the fear of a hopeless mismatch in the first encounter is a genuine one. All the one-sided contest will prove is that the twain, for all the talk of a coming together, cannot meet on such unequal terms. Neither will Twickenham be a level playing field, when Wigan grapple with the complexities of ruck, maul and lineout.

Richmond stars sign 46

The exercise, therefore, rests on pride, the pluck of both clubs in rising to very different challenges, and the historical context of two matches, unthinkable before last August, when rugby union began its difficult embrace of professionalism.

Tonight, at least, there is the chance to see what a consummate professional outfit can do, with a leading bookmaker refusing to offer a price on Wigan winning.

This evening also establishes new ground, as the only previous league v union matches, in 1943 and 1944, were played under union laws. The league sides won on both occasions.

Now, 100 years of feuding since league's breakaway in 1895 have given way to free movement between the codes — a development reinforced yesterday by Richmond's capture of Scott Quinnell and Jim Fallon back from league.

In these heady, turbulent times, how long will it be before union clubs with money to spend can tempt established league players? Gary Connolly, at Wigan, continues to be a target and Bath and Orrell are looking at Bobbie Goulding, of St Helens. As the bridgehead between the codes continues to build, what price one game, for global television consumption, in the next decade?

Yet, for all that the games are supposedly coming together and they have incorporated league tactics this season, Bath have found it utterly alien. After the effort of their Courage Clubs Championship and Pilkington Cup triumphs, tonight will provide a severe test of stamina.

Wisely, Bath have opted for pace, but Andy Robinson, who made 11 tackles in the Cup final last Saturday, will be expected to make three times that number at loose forward. Sanders is a scrum half turned hooker for the night, while Callard, normally full back, has the unenviable task of opposing Shaun Edwards at scrum half. "It's because he's the same sort of fiery individual," Ashton said, mischievously.

Edwards plays to win no matter how indifferent the opposition. He will ask no favours of Brian Campsall, refereeing at Twickenham, nor expect Russell Smith to show any leniency to Bath tonight. "If they can't make the ten metres, you can't let them off because it's a special game," he said. "If we go the wrong side of the ruck in the union game, I'd expect us to get penalised."

While Bath are working out answers to the wizardry of Paul, the power of the converted Tuigamala and speed of Jason Robinson, Offiah and Connolly, the question of better code will still remain one of personal preference, on a rare night when both meet as one.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Memo to Bath
There are no rucks, mauls or lineouts in which to hide. Scrummages are few, but notional. The 13-man code is a game for 17, with four substitutes, and up to six interchanges allowed. Forwards, especially, will need a breather. Retreat ten metres after making each tackle, and have two players marking Wigan at the play-the-ball. A kink in the defensive line and Wigan will be through.

In possession, make ground on the six tackles and kick into the corners on the last. Have two players in on every tackle, one going high, the other low. Do not tackle above head height, nor deliberately hold down a tackled opponent. Persistent offenders can expect ten minutes in the sin-bin.

Four points for a try, two points for conversions and penalty goals and a point for a dropped goal. Hairline try decisions will be ruled by the video referee. Finally, eat your interval oranges in the dressing-room, not on the pitch.



Making strides: Pollock, who took five Derbyshire wickets, provided further evidence of his potential yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Pollock puts Malcolm in the shade

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (Derbyshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by eight wickets

DEVON MALCOLM, gored by the words of Raymond Illingworth, the England chairman of selectors, in South Africa last winter, endured another public humiliation in this Benson and Hedges Cup match yesterday.

On a day when Shaun Pollock, the 22-year-old Warwickshire all-rounder, took five wickets, the Derbyshire fast bowler conceded 54 runs in five overs and appeared a soul in torment. The batting of Knight and Neil Smith took the form of bear-baiting and Malcolm could not even raise a growl.

He was never going to figure in the selectors' thoughts before the first Test against India, to be played on this ground next month, but his wretched winter has not sapped him of all self-respect. If, out of curiosity, Illingworth wants to know how he is bowling, then David Graveney, a member of the selection panel, can supply first-hand evidence, though there were times yesterday when he might have wanted to look the other way.

Knight took three boundaries from Malcolm's first over. By the time he had bowled two more, Malcolm had conceded 29 runs and Jones thought it was time he took a blow in the outfield. When he returned, Knight pulled him twice for four and drove another couple of boundaries through cover. In the next over, he pulled a six off the front foot, the most insulting stroke to offer a fast bowler, even on a pitch of little pace.

Malcolm went on to hold the catch when Knight, on 91, hit a steepling drive to mid-on.

Lancashire qualify 45
Kent stay unbeaten 45

He looks one heck of a cricketer. In his opening spell, he persuaded Barnett to nibble at one that left him and then found some alarming bounce to remove Adams. Pollock's special gift is to get the ball to kick and follow the batsman and Adams will not be the last player to be confounded.

Owen, making his Benson and Hedges debut, did his best to amend matters. He added 105 in 24 overs with his captain until, making room to cut Smith, he chopped the ball on. The loss of Jones, five overs previously, was more damaging. Reeve won a decision for leg-before as the ball crept a bit and after that Derbyshire were always struggling to set a challenging target.

Warwickshire required fewer than half their quota of overs to make the necessary runs and will meet Lancashire at Old Trafford next Tuesday to decide which team finishes top of the group.

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

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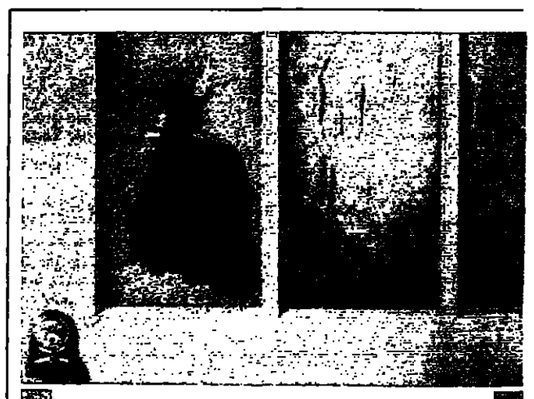
*D M Jones lbw b Reeve	64
K J Barnett c Piper b Pollock	5
C J Adams c Piper b Pollock	1
J E Owen b N M K Smith	49
C M Wells c Khan b Reeve	6
P A J DeFreitas c sub b Pollock	20
†K M Krikken lbw b N M K Smith	2
D G Cork lbw b Pollock	16
F A Griffith run out	3
P Aldred c Giles b Pollock	7
D E Malcolm not out	1
Extras (lb 12, w 3, nb 4)	19
Total (48.4 overs)	193

Score after 15 overs: 51-2.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-27, 3-132, 4-142, 5-144, 6-148, 7-174, 8-184, 9-190.
BOWLING: Pollock 9.4-1-38-6; Brown 10-2-26-0; Giles 8-0-33-0; Munton 5-0-23-0, Reeve 9-1-24-2; N M K Smith 9-0-37-2.

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight c Malcolm b Aldred	91
N M K Smith b Aldred	80
P A Smith not out	12
W G Khan not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 5, nb 4)	11
Total (2 wkts, 23.3 overs)	194

Score after 15 overs: 130-0
T L Penney, *D A Reeve, S M Pollock, D R Brown, †K J Piper, A F Giles and T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-162, 2-187.
BOWLING: Malcolm 5-0-54-0; Cork 4-0-22-0; Aldred 5-0-35-2; Jones 2-0-18-0; Wells 1-0-7-0; Griffith 4-0-42-0; Barnett 2.3-0-14-0
Umpires: K E Palmer and R A White.
Gold award: N M K Smith



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Fry's bring-and-buy closes down

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BARRY FRY, king of football's wheeler-dealers, will no longer conduct business for Birmingham City. He was dismissed yesterday, only two days after receiving the dreaded vote of confidence from David Sullivan, co-owner of the Endsleigh Insurance League club.

Sullivan, speaking after the 2-1 home defeat by Reading on Sunday, which left Birmingham in fifteenth place in the first division, said: "We will start next season with Barry as manager unless he decides otherwise." Forty-eight hours later, Sullivan made the decision for him.

"It has been made with the deepest sadness, but we want to get into the Premiership and we feel that, to achieve that, we need to change our manager," Sullivan said. "Barry worked so hard and gave so much commitment, but our results over the past six months have been poor and our recent form has been atrocious. He is a lovely person and I'm sure he'll find another club soon and will do an excellent job, but we felt he had taken this club as far as he could."

Fry, 51, signed 61 players for Birmingham after moving from Southend United in December 1993. Juggling his squad with admirable dexterity, he led the club to the second-division championship in the 1994-95 season and also success in the Auto Windscreens Shield.



Fry: wheeler-dealer

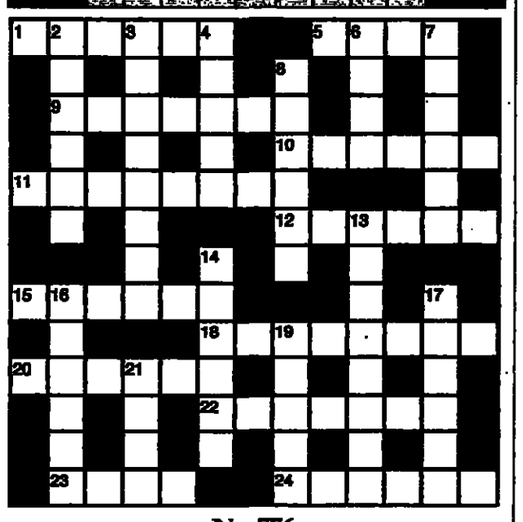
His lust for doing deals — Birmingham have used approaching 50 players this season — and chirpy, rent-a-quote character guaranteed that St Andrew's was never far away from the public consciousness. His often heated disagreements with Sullivan and Karren Brady, the club's managing director, also provided plenty of idle chit-chat for the sporting gossip columns.

However, after rising to third place in the first division on Boxing Day, Birmingham slid into free-fall and even Fry's renowned business acumen and powers of motivation appeared unable to stop the rot. Selling Steve Claridge, the popular striker, and Liam Daish, the central defender, did little to appease his growing band of critics, but Fry kept on buying. Martin Grainger, John Cornforth and Paul Peschisolido joined shortly before the transfer deadline in March, taking his spending past £6 million in 2½ years.

It was the re-signing of Peschisolido, the husband of Brady, who had been sold to Stoke City for £800,000 in 1994, that caused most consternation. "I'm in charge of running and picking the team and despite what some people may have suggested, my decision to sign Paul was purely a football one," Fry said.

Birmingham want a "top-flight" replacement, with Trevor Francis, a former City player, and George Graham, the former Arsenal manager, leading the candidates. Perhaps significantly, Sullivan also said on Sunday: "I have heard the rumour about George Graham but there is no possibility of that happening."

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ACROSS
1 Public speaker (6)
5 Unfreeze (4)
9 Present self at airport (5,2)
10 Area ruled: field of activity (6)
11 (Naive) philanthropist (2-6)
12 Mesh with (6)
15 Othello's lieutenant (6)
18 Ruler with unlimited powers (8)
20 Water-heater (6)
22 Inference; Cortes's men's was wild *(Keats)* (7)
23 Breakwater: burrowing animal (4)
24 Covering for blade (6)

DOWN
2 Parish priest (6)
3 Football gambling (3,5)
4 Levelled; set at an angle (5)
6 Type of oak, holly-like leaves (4)
7 Growing; adding protective coat (6)
8 Nov. 30 saint (6)
13 Succumb to local ethos (2,6)
14 Shy; — Mussorgsky (6)
16 Prejudice against the mature (6)
17 Highly efficacious (6)
19 Persian king, allowed Jews to return (5)
21 Hard work (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 775
ACROSS: 1 Populist 5 Bash 9 Out like a light 10 Coin 11 Matilda 13 Assize 15 Nausea 18 Grapple 20 Sump 23 Root and branch 24 Onyx 25 Transmit
DOWN: 1 Poop 2 Patio 3 Leibniz 4 Steamy 6 Angelus 7 Hathaway 8 Slat 12 Kangaroo 14 Shadowy 16 Also-ran 17 Render 19 Peat 21 Minim 22 Shut

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 771
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ACROSS: 1 Midlands 5 Calm 9 Awful 10 Niagara 11 Macadam 12 Actor 13 Offenbach 18 Anvil 20 Impasse 22 Caption 23 Stand 24 Turk 25 Straddle
DOWN: 1 Miasma 2 De facto 3 Ailed 4 Don't mention it 6 Await 7 Meagre 8 Banana 14 Fulfil 15 Husband 16 Mascot 17 Meddle 19 Viper 21 Pasta.

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